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### **SETS ON THE SP**

In two thrilling matches in front of a sell-out crowd and millions watching on TV, Kent Spitfires missed out on retaining their Twenty20 Cup crown - but they went down fighting. Rob Key's brave men made mincemeat of Essex in the semi-final on Saturday before taking on Middlesex Crusaders just hours later in the grand final at Hampshire's Rose Bowl. But a three-run defeat decided with the final ball left the Spitfires empty-handed. FULL REPORT - PAGE 55

#### BY CHRIS BRITCHER

KENT cricket chiefs have rubbished reports the club is considering moving from its historic headquarters at the St Lawrence Ground.

And the club has vowed its ambitious redevelopment plans will go ahead, despite speculation the economic slowdown has brought them grinding to a halt.

In a report on respected website CricInfo this week, it was hinted the club was considering selling the Old Dover Road ground and moving to a "purpose-built site near the M25,

or, conceivably, to Beckenham".

The same report also claimed plans for the multi-million overhaul of the St Lawrence "might never happen at all".

But speaking to Yourcanterbury, Kent's chief

executive dismissed the speculation.
Paul Millman said: "There is no truth in those claims and I have no idea why the report suggests them. We remain fully committed to

Suggests their. We remain tuny commuted using the Canterbury and the redevelopment project. "We have planning permission for the St Lawrence, our commercial partners are committed but, as you would expect, our timetable is a bit of a question mark given the economy."

Originally due to start earlier this year, last month the club confirmed no building work would take place until after this season ends. Further questions were raised when housing

partner Persimmon recently announced massive job cuts and the suspension of projects.

It plans to build homes on the car park opposite the Bat and Ball pub. The sale of that land is a key revenue driver for the scheme, which will also see stands given an overhaul and a hotel complex built on the site. Mr Millman **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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# **Could parish** councils run a new look rural bus service?

#### BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

THE options surrounding the restoration of crucial rural transport links after the demise of the post buses serving the district's outlying villages has gone before Canterbury council.

The post bus service, which ran low-cost minibuses serving 23 vil-lages, was stopped in September, last year, leaving many older people without an easy route into Canterbury or the coastal towns. The report, which admits the ces-

sation of the service has people across the district suffering isolation due to lack of rural transport, brings together several options to solve the

The early conclusion drawn by officers studying the problem is for Kent County Council to provide a minibus to parish councils, which would then arrange routes, timings and volun-tary drivers to suit the needs of their

own parishioners.

Transport officer Sheila Flynn said: "Parish councils are in a good position to assess specific transport needs in their areas.

"There are models of very effective community transport schemes which parish councils, or groups of parish councils, may wish to follow."

KCC has offered to tax and insure the minibuses, which would be handed over to the parishes to use as they saw fit, or provide £16,000 as an alternative. But community representatives say the plan does not go far enough.

Canterbury councillor Brian Staley said: "What we need is a reg-

"If people know a service is regular and reliable, more people will use it,



**OUT OF SERVICE:** Regular bus services are too expensive for some rural areas

and not just to get from the villages into Canterbury. People living in the city could use it to visit village pubs

without having to drive, thus enriching the rural community."

Canterbury council and KCC also point to the Kent Karrier, a dial-abus service dropping members of the scheme to the shops from their homes. But officers say it is too expensive to expand this service fur-ther as it would require more buses and drivers.

Commercial bus operators are also prohibitively expensive, as low predicted passenger numbers would mean heavy subsidies from KCC and

Canterbury council.
Mrs Flynn said: "There is no easy solution to providing rural public transport.

"It will be difficult and expensive to provide a minimum twice-daily service to all isolated areas covered by

the post bus.
"Without doubt there are a number of people across the district who are suffering isolation due to lack of public transport.
"However, on the evidence of the

low level of use of the post bus, the number of people is comparatively small and the cost of providing trans-port to meet their specific needs will be disproportionately high."

### **County cricket HQ** rumour scotched by chief executive

said: "The worst I can do is put a timetable on things. Everyone knows about the economic situation and I think most people understand why we need to tread carefully.

"It's a shame this is deflecting from

the cricket and the success we have enjoyed so far this year."

Kent Spitfires have proved a force to be reckoned with in the short-form of the game this season.

On Saturday, they narrowly avoided retaining their Twenty20 Cup crown after a three-run defeat to Middlesex Crusaders.

However, anticipation is now building towards August 16, when the club and thousands of fans travel to Lord's for the Friends Provident Trophy

And if all the excitement is making you desperate to catch our heroes in action, then today marks the start of Canterbury Cricket Week.

The cricket festival is the oldest in England, dating back to 1842, and is one of the highlights of the county cal-

Today sees the start of a County Championship clash with Hampshire, with Sunday bringing the visit of Glamorgan Dragons for a one-day Pro40 match.

Tickets for each game will be available on the gate.

#### Bishops enjoy break

CLOSE to 400 bishops from all over the world attended a reception hosted by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury on

The bishops and their spouses, taking a break from the business of the three-week Lambeth Conference being held in the city, were welcomed by Lord Mayor Carolyn Parry before touring the grounds of St Augustine's Abbey.

They were entertained by the Band of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment and the Maridadi Singers.

#### Let's get quizzical

HERNE Bay Sea Cadets will be hosting a fund-raising quiz night in September.

The Hampton Pier-based group will be holding the quiz at Hampton Primary School, Herne Bay, on Saturday, September 6.

The event starts at 7.30pm, with

tables of eight available. The cost is £5 per person. Participants are invited to

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# Mixed feelings over plans for big screen

### Olympic ceremonies to be show on 25m TV as part of festival

#### BY GARETH ARNOLD

THE FEELING and McFly will be performing at the Herne Bay Festival this year via a giant screen.

The massive temporary screen - the only one of its kind in the South East – is one of between 45 and 60 being rolled out nationwide as part of the ceremony marking the handover from Beijing to London for the 2012 Olympics.

The screen, which will be up to 25 metres square, will stand in Memorial Park, either as a standalone temporary structure, or a slightly smaller truck-mounted version.

#### **Torch**

Director of the Kent Sports Development Unit, Chris Hespe, who is also KCC officer in charge of Kent's Olympic services, said: "The screen will show the Olympic hand-over where the Beijing delegation hand the torch to Boris Johnson to represent the handover to London.

"This marks the beginning of the London Olympiad – the four-year run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games.

"It will also show the launch party at the Mall in London, so people will be able to watch the bands playing, including McFly and The Feeling." The content – and the screen itself – will be

rovided by the BBC at the request of London 2012, which has already had several perma-



BIG SCREEN: The Feeling are one of the top British acts playing at the Olympics launch party on the Mall in London

nent screens installed in northern cities such as Manchester and Hull.

But not everyone is happy with the idea and English Heritage has condemned the plans, claiming the screens set a dangerous precedent for local authorities in the face of commercial

National Heritage planning director, Philip Davies, said: "We are becoming increasingly concerned about the cumulative impact of temporary structures on the historic centres of our towns and cities.
"It would be difficult for a planning authority

to turn down an application from an advertiser once this precedent has been set.

"We have put many of these objections to London 2012 but have not received a response."

Canterbury council applied to have the screen several months in advance, tying the bid in with free family sports day Get Active, Feel Alive.

Also part of the Herne Bay Festival, this will feature a Beijing-inspired obstacle course for five to 15-year-olds, with each challenge based

nve to 13-year-olds, with each chaining based on a famous Chinese landmark.

• What do you think of the idea? Contact us: yourcanterbury@Rosmedia.co.uk. Or write to The Editor, Yourcanterbury, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

### **Beggar banged** up once again

NOTORIOUS beggar James Love, 23, is behind bars for the 19th time in five years after twice breaking his ASBO.

Love, of Spring Lane, Canterbury, is barred from begging in the city centre but was caught asking for cash in St George's Place and Northgate.

To compound his problems Love was caught on CCTV stealing a roll of cabling from Chaucer School earlier this month.

He broke into a mobile classroom by smashing a panel and climbed out with the coil of cable on his shoulder

As well as admitting the theft Love agreed he'd broken the ASBO twice by asking people for cash in the street.

David Nelson, defending, said Love was known as one of Canterbury's lead-

ing beggars.

He said: "Prison hasn't taught him anything. He's taken every sentence on

offer and has little hope for the future.

"He isn't violent or aggressive, just persistent. He is unemployable and is going to be in this cycle for the rest of his life.

Love was given 180 days in total for begging and the theft of the copper cabling.



### **Concert hall** will honour **legend Pilch**

LONG-lost Victorian cricketing hero, Fuller Pilch, is to be remembered when a new concert hall is built close

to his grave.
Pilch's final resting place was found after Yourcanterbury exclusive-ly revealed architects building the new auditorium at the redundant St Gregory's Church in Canterbury didn't know he was buried there.

Last week council chiefs gave permission for the 350-seat building and

owners Canterbury Christ Church University now plan to honour him. Pilch, who died in 1870, was one of England's first professional players and has been dubbed the Ian Botham of his age.

He found posthumous fame appear

ing in two of the Flashman books by George McDonald Fraser. When the story was picked up by the national press, Pilch's great, great, great nephew, Peter, was able to help the university locate his grave.

University spokesman Claire Draper said the building wouldn't affect Pilch's last resting place but he

would be remembered for posterity.

She said: "We haven't decided whether we will put up a plaque or a stone memorial but when we do we will ask Peter Pilch to unveil it."

# We are not being wrapped up, says wedding gift firm

A LEADING wedding present service is fighting against "finan-cial difficulty", prompting concerns couples may miss out on gifts bought for them.

Wrapit, which has a branch within the department store Fenwick at Whitefriars, is in talks with banks and advisors to avoid slumping into administration.

But the problems have cast a huge shadow over the service – with happy couples by no means certain of getting their gifts, and guests unsure if their presents will be sent.

However, the company says it is determined to ride out the storm and rebuild its reputation with a

resolution expected within days.
A Wrapit spokesman said:
"Wrapit is not in administration.
"However, we have encountered a

financial difficulty due to the fact that our bankers, HSBC, have held £1 million of our money, which would otherwise have been devoted

"We are working with our advisers, KPMG, to resolve this situation over the next few days and will make further announcements in

due course.

"Wrapit apologises to all couples and guests affected. We are doing our best to resolve the situation as soon as possible and believe there is a realistic chance that we will be able to complete our wedding list orders.

"However, we won't know the outcome until the end of the week."

The firm handles up to 3,500 wed-

ding lists a year nationwide. It helps couples compile their lists and then offers a web link for guests to snap

up gifts online.
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#### Bureau here to help you benefit from entitlement

DESPITE growing anxiety about the rising cost of living, too many people are still missing out on money they are entitled to, say Canterbury Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The charity has joined forces with local MP Julian Brazier to urge residents to get information and advice about their benefits entitlements.

Manager Simone Field said: "We are urging anyone who is unsure about their enti-tlements or who would like help making a claim to come along to the bureau and get a free confidential benefits check

#### Workshop is attractive to small business owners

SMALL companies in the Canterbury area are being urged to take advantage of a free

Business Link workshop designed to help them boost sales and profits. The half-day workshop is available free, exclusively for the self-employed or owner manager with no more than two full-time employees. Boost your Sales and Profits and Attract More Customers is being held at Hall Place Enterprise Centre, Harbledown, on August 13, October 8 and November 20. To book, call 0845 6009006.

#### Children's charity concert is a resounding success

AN annual Save the Children charity concert staged earlier this month at King's School has raised more than £6,000.

And organisers say they were so delighted with the show – which included a virtuoso violin performance by 2002's BBC Young Musician of the Year Jennifer Pike –

plans are already under way for next year.

Andrea Russo of the local Save the Children branch, said: "It was a resounding success on all counts. We have exciting plans for next year's concert, which will be on July 18, 2009, at Shirley Hall."

#### Cathedral visitors need only ASK for good food

VISITORS to Canterbury Cathedral can claim a free starter or dessert with any main meal at Canterbury's ASK restaurant in an attempt to boost funds for the conservation

The offer is on for the next month, and it is hoped the lure of free Italian food will attract more visitors to the cathedral, thus boosting income for both the historic site and the

Karen Gambrell, Kent community fundraising manager said: "Support amongst the people and businesses of Kent for the appeal has been truly wonderful."

# **Nursing translates** into real ambition

BY ED HILL

JUST three years after the end of World War Two, the Government turned to Germany to help recruit staff for its new National Health Service.

Now, 60 years on since moving from her homeland to start a new life in the UK working for the NHS, a woman from Elham has revealed how the remarkable chance provided her with the opportunity she had always dreamed of.

Marianne Mackinnon was born in Berlin in 1925. Having grown up during the 1939-1945 conflict, she found herself at the end of the war working as a translator for the Allies in Germany.

She said: "I dreamt of going to Oxford to study languages, but of course at that time it was impossible for anyone from Germany to become a student.

"But then men from the Ministry of Labour in the UK came over to Germany to recruit women between the ages of 18-26 to train as nurses for the new NHS. It gave me the opportunity I had craved."

Mrs Mackinnon began her training at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford and also managed to study English part time at university. Now, as the NHS celebrates its 60th anniversary this month, she remembers the impact it had.

But being German was not easy in post war Britain. Mrs Mackinnon suffered verbal abuse from patients and staff.
She said: "I was called a Kraut and a



OPPORTUNITY: Marianne Mackinnon jumped at the chance to move to England to study nursing after the war

damned Nazi. It was mainly from people who had never been to Germany. The ex-soldiers were always more understanding. I always felt

we had to work twice as hard as anyone else. "We feared the matron and doctors. Even if someone had only been training for three months more than you, you were expected to open the door for them and you expected the same when you had been there three months." Today, Mrs Mackinnon's son is a senior con-

sultant at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

She has also published books on her experiences growing up under the Nazi regime, with The Naked Years proving a success both in the UK and US.

And while she acknowledges the remarkable achievements of the NHS, she believes not all the advances have been for the best.

She said: "It is a shame we have lost old style matrons. Simple things like cleanliness and spending time with the patient are what the public want most."

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Presenter Julie Maddocks soaked up some of the sun and the atmosphere for a special earch box to find the clip.
Meanwhile, the Lions club

were counting the cost after thousands of pounds worth of fireworks were left soaked.

They had been set to form part of the Whitstable Regatta weekend.

But the specially designed firework boat was swamped by a large wave as it was being towed into position, soaking the tubes containing the fire

works and rendering them useless.

Medlan Yvonne from Whitstable Lions said the charity had lost out as people left earlier than usual.

She said: "We normally hand buckets around the crowd during the firework display, but of course with no fireworks there was nothing to keep people on the beach.

"We lost about £700."



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# Mystery of the pub prompts fans to ask is it fact or fiction?

AS well as whodunit, fans of Lesley Cookman's murder mysteries are often asking whereisit as many of the popular author's stories have a distinctly local feel.

Mrs Cookman, who lives in Whitstable, created the Libby Sarjeant series of murdermystery books, which follow the adventures of a middle-aged actress turned investigator.

Her fictionalisation of places in the Canterbury district has stirred up interest among her readers, such as the identity of Libby's local pub.

She said: "Recently I've been asked to contribute to a website of pubs in fiction. The pub is not named and people try to work out where it is.

"I gave it a whole new staff so I hope I haven't offended anybody. I've been to book groups at which people have tried to work

out where it is.
"I think people like that element. Kent, the village and the seaside are characters in the

Aside from her novels, Cookman is also a renowned writer of pantomimes.

**Anticipation grows** 

for this year's panto

#### BY JANE CONNOLLY

This unusual talent was discovered as a direct result of her move to Whitstable and it didn't take long for her to get involved with the local amateur theatre company, the Lindley Players.
She said: "I have to say I was rather snob-

bish about amateur theatre at the time. But I took the children to see a pantomime by the Lindley Players and I was extremely impressed by the theatre and the standard of

performance.
"I joined and within a couple of years I was doing panto, which I adored, and was then asked to direct it.

"One particular year I couldn't find a script that I liked, so I decided I would write it. That was picked up by a publisher and I've now written seven or eight for them.'

Ten years ago she was commissioned to write a book on the art, called How to Write a Pantomime, and a new version has been published with a foreword by Roy Hudd.

 Murder By The Sea is published by Accent Press on Monday, priced at £6.99. How to Write a Pantomime is also published by Accent Press.

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Presenter Julie Maddocks went to meet stars Stephen Mulhern and Emma Barton at the recent launch of the production which gets under way in November.

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### **Holiday lands sex** offender in jail

SEX offender Nigel Hatton didn't think he should tell the authorities he was nipping off

But for the next four months Hatton, 44, formerly of Kent and now of Brixham, Devon, will be rueing his mistake after mag-

istrates put him behind bars. Hatton, who was living at Whitstable, was picked up at Heathrow by immigration officers on a routine passport check in May 2007. When officers raided his home they found another passport with South African entry stamps in it. They also found Hatton's holiday snaps on his laptop.

Hatton appeared at Canterbury Magistrates Court charged with taking two unauthorised holidays in the Republic. He

He was sent to prison on November 22, 2000, for a sex attack on a prostitute in the Plymouth dock area. He served four years and was put on the sex offenders' register for

### Greenhouse makes an unwieldy transition

MID-morning motorists were faced with an unusual obstacle last week as a greenhouse made its way from Bekesbourne to Canterbury.

The greenhouse was being carried by volunteers from Canterbury's Transition Initiative, having been donated to their allotment project. But the group was faced with the problem of how to transport it the 2.8 miles to its new home.

So to the shock of passers-by, a seven-strong team manhandled the unwieldy load into the city, with the group's name embla-zoned on a large banner tied to the back.

Transition City Canterbury is determined to raise awareness about the potential consequences of peak oil and climate change.

#### Coastquard rescue girl

A 12-year old girl was intercepted by a Whitstable lifeboat crew after drifting away from Seasalter.

A 999 call to Thames Coastguard on Sunday reported a child in an inflatable dinghy drifting out of sight off Walden's Caravan Park, and the lifeboat was launched to investigate. Just minutes later the lifeboat crew spotted the girl one mile north east of

Seasalter Sailing Club. She was apparently trying to reach the Isle of Sheppey.

The girl was safely returned to her parents on shore. The girl, from Middlesex, was unharmed by her adventure.





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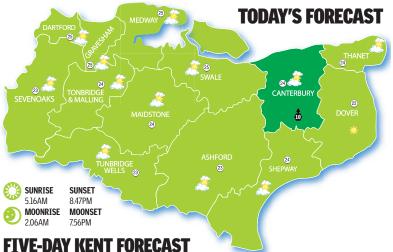


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Cape Town	16°C	Tenerife	28°C
Cardiff	25°C	Tokyo	33°C
Gibraltar	28°C	Vancouver	20°C
Hong Kong	36°C	Warsaw	27°C
Las Palmas	26°C	Wellington	10°C

### Farm machinery will come under scrutiny in effort to save lives

FARMERS are being urged to ensure tractors and trailers are properly maintained after a new crackdown by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The government agency wants to cut the number of accidents involving mobile farm equipment used both in fields and on the roads during this year's harvest period.

According to the HSE, over the last five years farm vehicles and machinery have been the cause of 22 major injuries and four deaths in the county.

Over the next two months the HSE will team up with Kent Police and VOSA (the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency) to carry out random checks of vehicles both in fields and on the roads to ensure they are in a good state of repair and are safe.

#### Maintained

HSE will be promoting the use of the BAGMA (British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association) vehicle health check scheme during any spot checks undertaken as

part of the campaign.

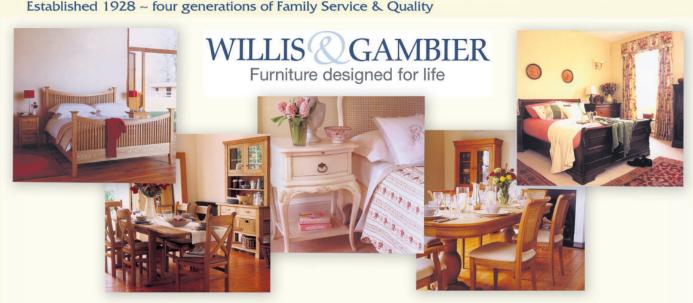
Mike Walters, HSE principal inspector in Kent, said: "A well maintained vehicle being driven by a competent person should be safe to

use both on the farm and on the road.
"By adopting the BAGMA vehicle health check scheme, farmers will be able to ensure their tractors and trailers are maintained in safe working order and are roadworthy.

"From our experience, more than 50 per cent of vehicles have been found to be unsafe and taken out of use.

"A basic check can contribute to preventing deaths and suffering of those injured by agri-cultural vehicles every year.

"We will not hesitate to deal with vehicles that are found to be unsafe, no matter how inconvenient this may be for the duty holder."



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**QUESTION** & ANSWER

### SARAH BTLLTALD



What are you bringing to your new role at Kent Probation from your work at the centre of Government?

At the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit I worked on crime reduction and reducing re-offending, liaising with agencies from across government including the police, prisons, education, housing and health.

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I focussed on identifying barriers to delivery and generating ways of breaking down these barriers.

This national experience has helped me understand the range of partners needed to reduce re-offending – a key priority for probation – and how best to jointly improve the safety of everyone in Kent.

### Q Did you enjoy the cut and thrust of politics while working for Tony Blair and Gordon Brown – or try to escape it as much as possible?

As a general rule I try and avoid politics and focus on service delivery. The good thing about my previous role was, although located at the heart of government, its focus was on delivering real outcomes for citizens.

But it did involve writing lots of reports and after a while I got bored of writing about it and wanted to deliver it.

#### What is the biggest misconception about the Criminal Justice System?

That the only way to punish offenders is to send them to prison. In fact, there are a range of options available to sentencers and the evidence shows that working with offenders intensively in the community is more effec-

tive in reducing repeat offending than short-term prison sentences.

This is because it combines punishment over a long period of time, for example two years as opposed to a six-month prison term, with work to help offenders gain employment and change their offending behaviour.

#### Aren't community sentences little more than a slap on the wrist?

No. Because an offender might have to report to probation five times a week; their liberty could be curtailed with a tag; they might be performing unpleasant unpaid work in the community thus losing their free time and giving something back to the community at the same time.

### How on earth did Roy Hodgson manage to save Fulham from premiership relegation?

By building a good team and playing decent football (no more route one, thank you Mr Sanchez) and Jimmy Bullard and Brian McBride coming back from injury. Plus a little bit of luck!

#### Tell me something most people do not know about you.

I feature on a number of classical CDs as a singer with a choir called the Holst Singers. Our latest CD, a collection of Estonian folk songs by Tormis, has just been favourably reviewed on BBC Radio 3.

Available for £12.99 on Amazon and in all good music shops!

### We are told that crime is falling, but it feels like it is rising – particularly violent crime. What is the truth?

The truth is that there has been a 16 per cent decrease in overall crime since 2003. This figure comes from the latest British Crime Survey, which is extremely reliable as it asks people if they have experienced crime.

Also, the number of crimes recorded by the police fell by 12 per cent between October and December 2007 compared with the same quarter a year earlier.

In particular, robbery fell by 21 per cent and most serious violence against the person by 15 per cent.

The reasons for the gap between these facts and public perception are complex and probably related to media messages around crime, the rise of terrorism and wider anti-social behaviour.

Kent Probation Area is one of the largest probation services in England and Wales.

Every year the Kent service supervises around 5,000 offenders on punishment and rehabilitation orders, punishment orders and licences and prepares around 5,500 reports for the courts.

More than 500 staff work in the community, courts, the hostel and prisons as well as on secondment to various agencies.

Sarah Billiald, new chief officer for Kent Probation, talks to **Gary Wright** about her job, her previous role as deputy director of the Home Affairs team in the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit – and her love of Fulham

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# Demelza taking its show on the road

#### BY NICK AMES

THE Demelza Hospice Care for Children Lottery is taking part in a road show across the county.

As well as making people aware of the charity's work with terminally-ill children, it will give visitors the chance to join in a weekly draw which could net them a £1,000 jackpot.

There are 52 other weekly prizes on offer for just a £1 weekly stake and all money raised goes towards Demelza's vital work in caring for terminally-ill children, giving them as many rich experiences as possible and assist-

ing their families.

There are 450 sick children and their families currently being cared for by the dedicated staff who work for the hospice which offers residential care, a hospice-at-home service, emergency respite for families, therapy treatment and bereavement care.

#### Guidance

Visiting a community gives residents the chance to understand what Demelza offers those children who have conditions which, ultimately, will take their lives.

Staff are on hand to answer questions and anyone who wants to assist in any way at all

can get guidance and advice.

The lottery road show will be in Fremlins Walk, Maidstone, on Saturday, Herne Bay town centre on Sunday, Gravesend town centre on September 11, 12, and 18, Dartford on October 9, Whitefriars, Canterbury on October 24 and 25, and Ashford town centre on November 4

Demelza also celebrates its tenth birthday this year with a special event – supported by KOS Media – set to take place at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium on September 25.

Spokeswoman, Sue Piper, said: "We are going to celebrate in style and want people to come along and join the fun - so contact us now to secure your place.



PARTY TIME: Demelza House will celebrate its 10th birthday with a special event at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium

A number of fund-raising campaigns are being

held alongside the party.

Former England football star Gary Lineker, who is a vice president of the charity, said: "Demelza has grown a lot in the last ten years and now cares for more than 450 children and families across the South East.

"But there are so many more the charity can reach with your support.

As part of the birthday celebrations, the charity is asking for volunteers to take a card-board clown coin holder which holds ten one

pound pieces and fill it up.
All fund-raising efforts will ensure the work of the organisation, which is based at Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, continues to go ahead.

• For more information call events@demelza. org.uk or go to www.demelza.org.uk.

### Smart tips for safety by the sea

COASTGUARDS have launched a Sea Smart summer safety cam-paign with millions of holidaymakers set to flock to beaches around the Kent coast this summer.

Due to the pinch of the credit crunch holidays at home are set to boom over the coming weeks - with popular hotspots including Thanet, Whitstable, Folkestone and Hythe, along with the Isle of Sheppey.

But coastguards say this could

mean more people getting into difficulty in the water.

The Sea Smart campaign promotes beach and sea safety messages to families with children.

UK Chief Coastguard Rod Johnson said: "More and more people are choosing to holiday at home and explore our varied, dramatic and accessible coastline.

"What I want to do is to help educate families."

Mr Johnson emphasised the fol-

- lowing points:
   Consider visiting a beach with
- Always keep your children in sight at the beach, especially toddlers. Even a small wave can knock a child over.
- If your child is using an inflat-able, make sure they are being supervised and that the inflat-able is secured to the shoreline and held by an adult. Even the slightest of breezes could blow the inflatable away from the shore.
- Keep clear of cliff edges we've got some high cliffs around the UK and they do sometimes give way under foot.
- Always swim close to the beach in line with the shore. Don't go alone.
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- If you are going afloat, always wear an appropriate lifejacket or buoyancy aid.

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# Is this the best Kent Africans call for gav cleric can come up 🖊

AN ARTIST'S design for a 50ft sculpture of a white stallion has been given the thumbs down by the Kent public.

Now the county council has stepped in to offer a suggestion for an iconic statue to match the Angel of the North: another horse.

The original vision by Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger is tipped to become the £2 million Angel of the South, which would stand near Ebbsfleet Inter-national station. It was one of a series of designs looking to represent the area and be visible for miles, alongside Ebbsfleet Sta-

But Kent County Council, unhappy with Wallinger's propos-al, commissioned their own Invicta horse design in an effort to get more people to support the white horse idea. And this week it claimed 89 per cent of people at the county show preferred its design, by artist Graham Clarke, from Boughton

Monchelsea.
Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, said: "The results have been overwhelming. We support the basic concept, but like the people of Kent, we want a horse more in keeping with our tradition.'

An exhibition of five sculptures by commissioned artists, includ-ing Wallinger's White Horse, is on show at Bluewater.

The proposed landmark, paid for by Eurostar, London and

Continental Railways and Land Securities, is intended to be a memorable welcome to travellers.

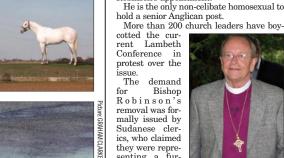
The final decision will be made by a committee chaired by Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Alan Willett, this autumn.

 What do you think? Is the white horse too simple? Is there another icon to represent our county? Write to us at editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.or leave your comments on our









**GAY:** Bishop Gene Robinson

churches in the developing world, especially Africa.

In a statement issued to church leaders in the name of Sudanese church leader the Most Reverend Daniel Deng they stated sex should be confined to being between a man

for gay cleric's

CONTROVERSIAL gay cleric Gene Robinson who lectured at an isolated church on Romney Marsh should be dismissed from his post as Bishop of New Hampshire, USA, according to leading African Anglicans. The move appears to have wrecked any chance of a reconciliation within the church, which has been rocked by Bishop

resignation

Robinson's appointment.

they were repre-

senting a fur-ther 200 leading

figures

and a woman.

"We require all those who live in the ministry of the church to live according to this standard and cannot accept church leaders whose practice is contrary to this," it said.

In a talk at St Rumwold's Church, Bonnington, Bishop Robinson – who has a bodyguard and wears a bullet proof jacket -told an audience he felt that attitudes to homosexuality as stated in the Bible need to be reinterpreted in the light of the cultural conditions which existed at the time they were written.

He added that he felt a 21st century church should be inclusive to all those who wish to be a part of it – not exclude a certain group of people for one reason.

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#### BY GARETH ARNOLD

SCIENCE pupil Anastasia Bow-Betrand has been commended after a week-long project with Pfizer.

Anastasia, from Simon Langton Girls' Anastasia, ironi Simon Langon Gris Grammar School, Canterbury, investigated the pharmacology of pain alongside leading Pfizer scientists, who were aiming to solve a series of scientific challenges during Pfizer's

series of scientific challenges during Finzers
11th annual Biology Project Week.
Sixteen of East Kent's top young scientists
were involved in the project, hosted at
Canterbury Christ Church University, where
the pupils took part in a seven-day residential course, and were given the opportunity to gain an insight into the processes of scientific research in the university laboratories.

The pupils worked in pairs on a selection of scientific projects set by Pfizer researchers to test their skills and knowledge, and to encourage and broaden their science learn-

ing.

The A-level science pupils from schools in Thanet, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone, Faversham and Sandwich were chosen from sixth-formmore than 31 applications from sixth-formers across East Kent.

They were also invited to visit the Pfizer research laboratories at Sandwich and attend seminars given by world-class Pfizer

Anastasia was awarded book tokens valued at £200 for her help with the project.

Other biology projects included examining the clotting mechanism of blood, genetically engineering E.coli, measuring the effects of steroids, and assessing the kinetics of the enzyme thrombin.

Jim Loftus, research recruitment manager for Pfizer and organiser of the event, said: "The standard of the work this year was excellent.

"The projects were very challenging and required a great deal of hard work and deep thinking.

"I hope everyone taking part gained a good insight into the work undertaken in research laboratories and this will inspire them to study science at university and pursue scien-

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WINNING SMILE: Anastasia Bow-Betrand

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animal health company.

The major supplier of medicines to the NHS, Pfizer has its European research and development headquarters at Sandwich and its UK business headquarters in Surrey.

#### **BREAK TIMF**

### When in Rome ... do try on a toga



CHILDREN can explore the finer points of Roman life tomorrow at Canterbury Roman Museum.

Youngsters can try on a toga, be dressed by a slave and make serpent bracelets and laurel wreaths in a handson workshop exploring Roman dress, fashion and jewellery.

The sessions, for children aged five to 12, include the opportunity to make a simple Roman costume, see ancient artefacts at close quarters – including the remains of an 1,800-year-old hobnail boot – and find out about Roman fashion and jewellery.

and jewellery.

Try On A Toga takes place at
Canterbury Roman Museum, in
Butchery Lane, on Thursday, July 31.

Cost is £3 per child with free admission

for one accompanying adult.

To book a place, call the museum on 01227 785575.

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# Shelling out like a tourist gives that sinking feeling

THERE have been some real surprises over the last ten days or so.

Firstly, there was the rather sad sight of a boat full of fireworks sailing into position for the display as part of the Whitstable Regatta, only for it to sink and the pyrotechnics become, literally, a damp squib.

The first surprise being that there was a sufficiently powerful wave to cause such chaos in the normally serene waters of the Thames Estuary and, second, that the boat was far out enough to sink.

You can practically walk to the Isle of Sheppey without the water going much higher than your waist.

However, that almost paled into insignifi-

However, that almost paled into insignificance at the price some traders were charging hapless tourists for a single oyster earlier that day. What can normally be snapped up for 60p suddenly shot up, fuel price-stylee, to an inflation-busting £1.

But if you live in Whitstable or Canterbury, it will come as no great surprise to see prices rocket when there's the scent of tourist on the

air. And, to an extent, so it should. After all, so much of the economy rides on it. Yet, while we're talking tourism, surely the biggest surprise of all – perhaps not just this week but this year – was the unveiling of a waxwork at Madame Tussauds which, shock of shocks, actually resembled the person it is modelled on.

Amy Winehouse may be a few bricks short of a barbecue, but the waxwork unveiled of her last week was truly remarkable. It looked just like her. One assumes there is even a wick sticking out of her feet and beehive to represent her burning of the metaphorical candle at both ends.

Seriously, it's a fine job. But it highlights a remarkable business achievement. Namely, quite how Madame Tussauds still manages to win such remarkable news coverage.

Now, I may well be doing a national – actually, make that international – institution a huge disservice here, having never visited it, but I remain entirely unconvinced as to how anyone can derive any pleasure whatsoever from strolling round a room of waxworks, or

why we should care about it.

OK, in the Victorian era, before television brought famous people into our homes, I can perhaps see the point. But today? No. Why not just buy a magazine and look at a photograph of the real person?

Why marvel at the frequently inept efforts of

Why marvel at the frequently inept efforts of a wax-workateer (or whatever they call themselves) and pay – yes, this is the correct adult price – £25 for the privilege? What's more, I'm reliably informed there are

What's more, I'm reliably informed there are frequently lengthy queues with tourists lining up to shell out to ogle the "famous faces" and, of course, have their pictures taken with them.

of course, have their pictures taken with them.

Now when it comes to surprises, surely there can be none bigger than the fact that so many of us actually want to spend such huge sums on something so bizarre.

After all, at those prices, just think of the two

After all, at those prices, just think of the two dozen and a bit oysters you could have enjoyed at Whitstable prices.

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# **Compost for a Greener Environment**



Now is a great time to get out in the garden and enjoy the sunshine. It is also a great time to take up home composting. From Oscar winning actress Dame Helen Mirren to TV presenter Chris Evans and millions of us, everyone is doing it. There are many excellent reasons for composting at home, but many people are simply unaware that this is one of the easiest ways they can help the environment in their own daily life.



Each year, two wheelbarrow loads full of organic waste are produced for every man, woman and child in England. That's enough organic waste annually to fill the Royal Albert Hall more than 400 times over. This waste can be recycled in to nutrient-rich compost for use for all manner of plants in gardens up and down the country.

It is not just garden trimmings that can be composted. A staggering one third of a household's waste can be composted at home, and that can make a huge difference to the amount of waste which is sent to landfill sites each year. When organic waste is sent to landfill it gets buried under other waste and decomposes without oxygen, producing a powerful greenhouse gas, methane. However, when the same waste is composted at home it breaks down with oxygen and no methane is emitted. By composting at home you also cut down on the amount of energy used annually on transporting domestic waste to landfill sites all over the country, and get free fertilser for use on plants and gardens.

All you need to get started composting at home is a compost bin – discounted bins are available from www.recyclenow.com/compost. Just input your postcode to see which compost bins are available in your area. Once you've purchased a bin, you need to site it somewhere easily accessible in the garden, preferably directly on the earth so worms can find their way into the bin.

Filling up the bin is simple. Many people who already home compost are unaware of the variety of items that can be recycled by home composting. Uncooked fruit and veg peelings from the kitchen can go straight in to the compost bin, as well as dead

balling of the provinges. In order to create a balanced compost, you need to ensure that you mix these 'greens' with equal amounts of fibrous 'browns' like scrunched up cereal boxes, insides of toilet rolls or shredded paper. The perfect mix of green and brown items create an environment where microbes can break down the mix of organic waste naturally into a rich dark compost for use on plants and gardens. Other items you might not have thought you could compost include:

- Egg shells;
- Tea bags;
- Coffee grounds;
- Dog hair:
- Hamster bedding and
- Even the contents of your vacuum cleaner.

If you want to cut down on the number of trips you make to the bin, it would be worth getting a composting caddy for your home. You can use the caddy to store up biodegradable household waste such as vegetable peelings, but you need only empty it into your compost bin when it is convenient. You can buy compost caddies from many retailers and the Recycle Now website, or alternaitvely you can just use an old ice cream tub.



Home compost is a product that will help your garden and the environment as a whole – putting valuable nutrients back into the soil and helping gardens to look healthier and more beautiful. For tips on how to use your finished compost, check out www.recyclenow.com/compost. It takes between six and nine months to produce your own compost – so if you can't wait that long, peat free and peat reduced composts (also made from recycled green materials), are another great ingredient for your garden and are available from most garden centres. These are competitively priced, great for the garden, providing the key nutrients that plants need to thrive, and great for the environment as they









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parents have the option for their children to listen to age-appropriate renditions of their favourite contemporary music.

It's destined for playground mania – get ready for the year's biggest kids' phenomenon! We have five copies of Zoomstarz to give away.

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Your question is: Umbrella was originally a hit for which female singer?

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#### **TALK TIME**

#### **SEAN BONE-KNELL**

New commander of Kent Fire and Rescue Service's east division, discusses his career and plans to work even more closely with partner agencies such as the police, to keep east Kent safer.



#### Tell us about your career so far:

I joined Kent Fire and Rescue Service in 1986 as a firefighter in Thanet, and my 22 years with the service have involved roles at various stations across the county, including Medway, Canterbury and Ashford.

For two years I was based at Maidstone headquarters as press officer, before becoming station commander at Dover. After a period as partnership manager in the south division, I was promoted to area commander in north and then subsequently south, before moving to this latest appointment.

How large is the area you are in charge of? East division spans from Lydd to Whitstable, Dover to Margate, and includes 22 stations with 624 staff.

**What are your plans for your new role?** Throughout my career in the fire service I have had the opportunity to work with some excellent groups and partner agencies to make our communities safer. I will be expanding these partnerships to deliver a service that will meet the growing needs of our diverse communities and keep pace with future developments. I am very proud of KFRS and hope to build upon our already first-class reputation.

#### Tell us a bit about yourself.

I live in Barham, near Canterbury, with my wife Teresa and my two daughters, Emily who is eight and six-year-old Lucy. I'm interested in sport, and play golf, cricket and football in my spare time.

#### **YOUR LETTERS**



#### Now we're targets for repeat offenders

Your front page article (Robberies and sex crimes on the rise, Yourcanterbury, July 23) would have come as a surprise to most readers.

It was apparent from the very beginning that once homes, shops and cars became almost impregnable due to sophisticated alarm systems and CCTV, that recidivisit career criminals would direct their attention towards the easiest targets of all; pedestrians.

Persistent hardcore offenders were never remotely likely to concede defeat and give up their lives of crime with a whimper because of advanced technology.

They adapt to their surroundings and change their

modus operandi. Mugging is one of the hardest crimes of all to prevent and unless we drive around in armoured vehicles or travel on foot flanked by burly minders, we remain vulnerable to attack.

With this type of protection usually beyond the means of anyone who isn't a wealthy

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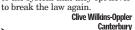
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politician or media celebrity, a more practical method of security for the civil population must be found.

The answer is, of course, prison.

Fear of the consequences of

crime is the ultimate deterrent. Instead of giving burglars and street robbers feeble community service penalties, they should be incarcerated in austere jails for long stretches so once they are released the experience they endured has been such a shock to the system that they opt never





#### Gym is far too much to keep me Active

I am not in the least bit surprised Active Life is suffering financial issues (£600k loan request from leisure trust, Yourcanterbury, July 23).

I used to have a monthly membership to the swimming pool at Whitstable. For around £30 I could go for a swim or use the small gym as often as I

But then, as is so often the way, I found work got in the way of attending, so I cancelled my membership. Of course, you have to give two-months notice...so that was another £60 wasted.

However, still wanting to use the facilities I went recently for a oneoff gym session. I almost fell over when they told me it was more than £6. Never has there been more obvious a pricing structure simply to lure people into the long-term membership deals.



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And, let us not forget, this is for Whitstable – the gym is hardly the biggest in the world and although you can use the centres in Canterbury and Herne Bay too, that's not really the point.

that's not really the point.

If the council and Active Life want people to use their services I suggest they start charging a reasonable price for us to live the healthy lifestyle we are all being encouraged to chase.

Robin Lauder Whitstable

#### Worthy celebration of our beautiful harbour

Whitstable people working together have again produced a really impressive and enjoyable event in the harbour.

Residents, visitors and participants all had a great day. Harbour staff and the Harbour Board helped enormously and the Union Pluto visit generated huge interest

visit generated huge interest.
Particularly we should thank the
Whitstable Harbour Association for
their vision and superb organisation

That so many people are attracted to Whitstable and the harbour is something to celebrate.

Let us build on this interest and

Let us build on this interest and encourage the organic development of suitable commercial, recreational and educational activities in this superb space.

Peter Banbury Chair, Harbour Watch

### Twenty20 final defeat a real gut-wrencher

What a shame it was to see Kent get so close in the final of the Twenty20 Cup and yet not succeed in retaining the trophy.

in retaining the trophy.

To get so close in the highest run chase in the history of the tournament's final was a great achievement and they should be very proud of the way they played.

Let's hope cricket's governing bodies can ensure they play in the Champions League set-up this autumn and there are no problems with players registrations.

To see the county side play on the international stage would be a bonus for the supporters who have followed the team through many lean years.

Mike Paynter Via emai

### Radio Kent and Fults failed to bowl me over

What a difference in commentary on the cricket Twenty20 Cup finals day between that offered by two BBC stations – Kent and Five Live

I started listening to the games on Radio Kent and all I could get from the airwaves was that the people in the commentary box couldn't see the scoreboard. Or the mascot race had been delayed, or something equally underwhelming.

Summariser David Fulton did his

Summariser David Fulton did his best but sadly, the former Kent captain's insight into the Spitfire's attempts to retain the Twenty20 title they won last year was drowned out by incessant irrelevancies.

For all their annoying mateyness, Five Live's crew were far and away superior, actually managing to convey the excitement of the games.

Kerry Hatcher Via Email

### Zimbabwe link is a shame to the county

So it looks as if Kent County Council are investing in companies which have a link with propping up Robert Mugabe's evil regime.

And it seems only the Green Party that has the courage to pull them up on it (KCC defends Zimbabwe shares link, Yourcanterbury, July 23).

At a time when the world has expressed its abhorrence at the goings on in Zimbabwe, would it not be too much to expect our county's elected leaders to take a stand and insist there organisation has no part in assisting what has become a 21st century African disaster?

Maybe it is time for individuals to petition their councillors and ensure they know what is happening within County Hall and make them feel that they should be accountable to the actions taken in their name?

Michaela Jackso by ema

#### Get hooked on reading

What a good idea it is to have a year of reading (Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading, Yourcanterbury, July 23).

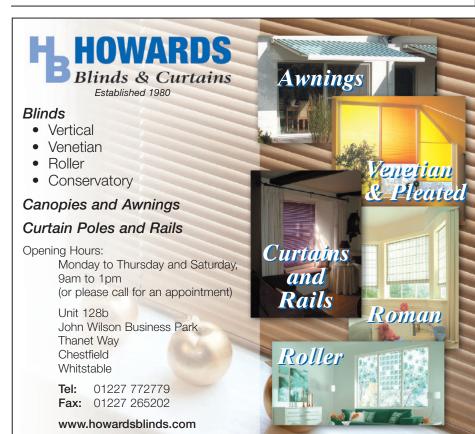
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The county should be praised for promoting the national drive to get more young people to read.

Developing imagination is a fundamental part of education and any way this can be accomplished should be highlighted and applauded.

Reading is the best way to stimulate a child's imagination, so well done the 2008 Kent Year of Reading.

David Browne via email





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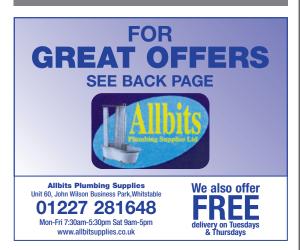
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CLASSIC: Considered one of the most creative musicians of his generation, Lloyd Webber is heading to Leeds Castle near Maidstone for intimate gig

# An unmissable castle concert

### Showcase for acclaimed cellist Julian Lloyd Webber

THE opportunity to hear a world famous cellist perform in an intimate setting does not come along every day.

Julian Lloyd Webber has been hailed as one of the most creative musicians of his generation, having premiered more than 50 new works for the cello and inspired compositions by a diverse range of composers from Malcolm Arnold and Joaquin Rodrigo, to James MacMillan and Philip Glass.

His many recordings have attracted high critical acclaim and a Brit Award. His coupling of Britten's Cello Symphony and Walton's Concerto, recorded with Sir Neville Marriner and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, was described by Gramophone magazine as "beyond any rival".

Lloyd Webber won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music when he was just 16 and went on to complete his studies in Geneva, under the tutelage of renowned French cellist Pierre Fournier. His stellar career has included collaborations with an array of musicians including Yehudi Menuhin, Lorin Maazel, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Georg Solti, Stephane Grappelli, Elton John and Cleo

Laine.

He recently recorded Phantasia for EMI Records, which was based on his brother Andrew's phenomenally successful musical Phantom of the Opera. The recording featured violinist Sarah Chang and Unexpected Songs.

#### **Awards**

Lloyd Webber's version of the Elgar Concerto conducted by Menuhin, for which he won a Brit Award, was named the finest ever version by BBC Music Magazine. His many other releases include the Dvorák Concerto with Vaclav Neumann and the Czech Philharmonic, Tchai-kovsky's Rococo Variations with the London Symphony under Maxim Shostakovich and the short piece collections Made in England, Cello Moods and Cradle Songs for Universal Classics.

He also writes a monthly music column for the Daily Telegraph and plays an active part in music education projects. Lloyd Webber plays the Barjansky Stradivarius cello, dating from around 1690. His programme at Leeds Castle's romantic banqueting hall will include Bach's Adagio in G, Britten's Scherzo-Pizzicato, The Swan by Saint Saens and Debussy's Sonata from 1915

from 1915.

After the interval he will premiere a specially commissioned piece by former Classic FM composer in Residence, Patrick Hawes. The audience will also hear In The Half Light, written by his father William, and Lloyd Webber's own composition Jackie's Song.

The concert starts at 8pm and tick-

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £75. There are also opportunities to enjoy a post-concert dinner and stay overnight at the castle. For more information and to book call the box office on 01622 880008 or see www.leeds-castle.com/arts.

The recital is part of the Arts at the Castle programme which also features concerts by Patrick Hawes on Monday and celebrated Italian pianist Adolfo Barabino on Wednesday. Full details of all concerts can be found on the website.

JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER
Tuesday, August 5
Leeds Castle, near Maidstone











#### **CALL UP THE GROUPS**

Thursday, July 31

Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

MUSIC lovers can enjoy four great bands for the price of one with the ensemble show Call Up The Groups.

At the time of going to press tickets were

selling out fast for this fantastic show, so act quickly if you want to see The Barron Knights, The Tremeloes, The Fortunes and Marmalade in action on the same stage.

These exceptional musicians scored many gold and silver records between them and have a wealth of talent still to be discovered by audiences. More than 30 of their hugely popular and memorable hits feature in the show, including Call Up The Groups, Silence Is Golden, You've Got Your Troubles and Ob-

There will also be the chance to witness some unique sights, such as the four drummers stepping into the spotlight to sing a classic 60s hit and the four lead guitarists rocking out in an unmissable guitar quartet. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost

£17.50/£16.50. To book call 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.



### THE TAMING OF THE

Sunday, August 3 Dane John Gardens, Canterbury

SHAKESPEARE'S timeless battle of the sexes gets a hilarious modern twist in a new version of The Taming of the Shrew.

The Pantaloons give the Bard's comedy an original slant with their use of pup-pets, circus skills and music to illustrate the story of a boorish fortune hunter and a hot-tempered shrew

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Shakespeare's original tale of a feisty woman brought under control by her clever new husband has been adapted for stage and screen many times.

Sweet-tempered Bianca

has two eager suitors but her father decrees that she cannot marry until her grouchy sister Katherine has been paired off. With very few men willing to take on the shrewish yo woman, all appears lost. young

That is until Katherine

meets her match Petruchio, who is simply looking for a rich wife and cares nothing for love.

The performance starts at 2pm and admission is free. Find out more about The Pantaloons at www.thepant aloons.co.uk.

#### **GAIL DAVIES**

Monday, August 4 Zebra Bar, Maidstone



ONE of Nashville's finest singers, songwriters and producers will be visiting Maverick @Zebra next week.

Gail Davies was born in Oklahoma, where she grew up around the classic country music that played on her mother's juke box. Her father Tex Dickerson was a Louisiana Hayride singer and Davies spent time backstage there in the late 40s.

Brother Ron Davies was a member of cult band the Wailers and she toured with them in the 60s, before moving to Los Angeles. She recorded a string of hits in the 70s and 80s before joining Liberty Records as country music's first female staff producer. But a trip to Europe in 1992 convinced her to release albums on her own label Little Chickadee.

Davies is now married to Welsh bass play-

er Rob Price. Her son Chris Scruggs – a sometime member of BR549, a solo artist and the grandson of legendary Earl Scruggs will be joining this tour. The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £9 in

advance or £11 on the door. To book call 01622 744481.



#### **CANTERBURY** LEISURE

#### Get jazzy with it when duo perform live gig

THE Summer of Jazz continues at Orange Street Music Venue with anoth-

The Phil Chaundy and Nick Peck Trio will perform a colourful mix of jazz and pop stylings at the venue tomorrow, with Chaundy on saxophone and Peck on piano. The gig starts at 8.30pm and tick-ets cost £8/£6.

For details about the festival visit the website at www.orangestreetmusic.com or call 01227 760801.

#### Visitors wood be sure to enjoy this exhibition

THE work of artist Karl Musson can be viewed at a gallery in Herne Bay until

this weekend.

Musson is exhibiting his wood sculptures at Bay Art Gallery in William Street, opposite the leisure centre, until Sunday. The gallery is open from 10am to

4pm daily.
For details call 01227 372266. Information about upcoming exhibitions can be found at www.bayartgallery.co.uk.

#### Demonstrate your skills when you enter a film

ASPIRING young filmmakers are invited to enter their work in the first ever Kino Kids Short Film Festival

Anyone under 18 can submit and selected films will be shown at a Kent cinema, as part of Kent Summerscreen. It will be hosted by Ramsgate production company Medb Films, which released acclaimed films Gypo and Ruby Blue. For a form and more details call 01843 852934 or visit www.medbfilms.com.

#### Lose yourself in a great live gig this weekend

LISTEN to some great music in the company of The Lost Weekend when they perform in Whitstable.

The four-piece covers band plays hits by the likes of Oasis, The Strokes, The Animals and Tom Jones. They will be per-forming at The East Kent in Oxford Street at 9pm on Saturday. For more details about the venue call the pub on 01227 272018.

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# Dine in style

### First class food in a comfortable setting

#### ■ Kathton House

nestled THIS restaurant Sturry Village High Street has now been open for two years and during this time has been delighting diners with superbly cooked, ultra-fresh cuisine.
Owners Neil and Gina Evans

have many years experience running a top-class restaurant as well as working in celebrated places such as The Ritz Hotel, London.

Therefore, why not try out their superb food and what's more, there's no problem with drinkdriving as you can always stay in the charming overnight letting

room with en suite.

Kathton House is open for morning coffee, lunch and dinner, from Tuesday to Saturday. The ambience is intimate with a maximum of 35 covers.

Neil, a chef who has previously worked at The Ritz, said: "We use locally sourced produce where quality and availability allows.

"We also make everything on the premises, including freshly baked bread rolls, ice-cream, sor-



bet, ravioli and home cured fillet of beef and gravadlax.
"The restaurant is family-run

with the aim of providing a professional, friendly service

ence found in many fine dining

establishments."

The menu emphasises the use of fresh, local produce and all food is created on the premise

crab and spinach ravioli, or loin fillet of Godmersham venison and caramelised apple shortbread with cinnamon creme anglaise.

The current favourite is the Hythe smoked haddock pancake glazed in Emmenthal and cheddar cheese sauce.

Also the pan fried breast of local mallard in orange and green peppercorn sauce served with potato Dauphinoise.

Neil added: "I believe it is essential to provide quality fresh food, but it is just as important to create a comfortable establishment with good, efficient and friendly service. It is the whole package that counts and if the customer has enjoyed their experience while visiting your restaurant, it becomes value for money, irrelevant of the cost."

Open Tuesday to Saturday. Lunch orders are taken from 12pm, with the last order taken at 2pm. Evening orders begin at 7pm, last order 9pm.

The restaurant is also open for morning coffee Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 11.30am.

The garden menu available during the summer.

## op inn to historic charm

#### ■ The White Horse, Bridge

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from noon until 5.30pm. Sunday lunches range from traditional roast, also fresh fish dishes and vegetarian option.

All the food is homemade on the premises and cooked to order. All the desserts are home-made and the pub uses seasonal vegetables and fruits wherever possible. They also offer a large selection of fish and seafood



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# Keeping it in the family

#### ■ The George, Molash

FRESH home cooked food with vegetables grown in its own garden, a warm welcome and friendly atmosphere have proved the recipe for success for The George in Molash

The friendly pub has been run by husband and wife team Karen and John Marshall for the past six years – and the family theme continues with their daughter Charlotte heading up the kitchen as chef.

And it is the food she produces which has put them fairly and squarely on the map. With a constantly revolving specials board, tasty food ensures the locals keep coming back for more as well as attracting visitors from further afield.

■ The White Horse, Chilham

ARGUABLY one of the most attractive locations of any pub in Kent, The White Horse on Chilham Square looks towards Chilham

It is small and cosy and has a special men-

tion on the wall of one of its most well-known residents: Samson the ghost.

launching glasses off the shelf," says co-licens-ee Lisa Smart, who has been at the pub for a

Her speciality is cooking and the food is one

White Horse, time after time. She said: "Fish pie is our best selling dish,

which is why we always have it on the menu

It's made with a selection of fresh local fish in

a creamy sauce topped with organic mash then baked in the oven to order. It takes 30

minutes from ordering - but customers say it's

The pub is open from noon all day. Food is served from noon to 2.30pm and 6.30-9.30pm. Sunday service is noon to 4.30pm and 7-9pm

Lisa believes the pub's success has been down to quality of food, friendly service, clean-

well worth the wait!

main reasons people return to The

"He sometimes shows his displeasure by



Best-selling dishes are the steak and kidney pudding and other pies, all handmade on the premises, packed with meat and full of flavour.

Only fresh ingredients are used and the pub grows all its own salads and vegeta-bles. In fact, it has its own poly tunnels and vegetable garden – thus guaranteeing fresh and locally sourced food from the ground to your

Say Karen and John: "We

Spookily good tood

like to greet everyone and make them feel welcome. Good service is obviously very important from the moment people come in until they leave.

We have a varied menu and we try to keep the prices fair. We're a family-run pub and our staff have been with us for the past six years."

Opening is Monday to Thursday 11am to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm. Friday to Sunday is 11am to midnight.

liness and being customer aware. She also has

nothing but praise for her resident chef, Natalie Toman.

Her philosophy at the pub is one of provid-

ing choice and value for money along with great service and staff. The local organic menu

has been well received and people return for

Lisa said: "I have cooked for quite a few celebrities, who include my heroes Jamie Oliver and Gordon Ramsey, not to mention

local celebrity Bob Geldof. I would love to cook

for the Prime Minister or a member of the

royal family. That would be a challenge.

this reason.

#### **CHEF RECOMMENDS**

#### The George, Molash

Start your meal with goats cheese encroute. Then move on to slow roast belly of pork with an apple and cherry sauce. Alternatively try chicken breast with creamy bacon and stilton sauce. Meals are served with choice of potatoes and fresh vegetables. End with a dessert of rhubarb fool.

Paper-wrapped king prawns with spicy salt in chilli and garlic are a delicious starter. Follow this up with sliced pork chop served with onions and barbecue

The Yantze speciality is fresh scallops with chilli and garlic in spicy salt, accompanied by special baked '2 style'

#### **Kathton House**

From the garden menu try fusilli pasta in tomato and garlic sauce with Mediterranean vegetables, fillet of smoked trout with cherry tomato salsa served with salad leaves or king prawns with mushrooms glazed in cheese

and walnut tart or fresh strawberries

#### Yoshi

Try the roasted duck: sliced aromatic cucumber and steamed rice. This is accompanied by a bowl of miso soup. negi sauce: chunks of deep friend

Local smoked mackerel and couscous truffle cream sauce served with organic mashed potato and organic vegetables.

#### **Yantze**

sauce.
The recommended dessert is apricot

roasted duck breast with a homemade plum sauce served with pickled ginger, Alternatively go for fried chicken with chicken with a negi (leek) sauce.

#### White Horse, Chilham

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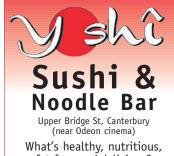
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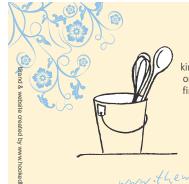
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Rod Barr, 47, from Nonington, won the Honda PS125i after identifying the equipment used by Ernie Els in the Honda Classic event in Florida earlier

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styling appliances.

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#### YOUR TV REVIEW



**GRANGE HILL** BBC One, 4.35pm, Monday

#### BY TOM BETTS

I SPENT hours and hours in my youth watching Grange Hill and I'd say with some confidence that it was better than most – if not all – of the TV aimed at our kids today.

So, I was dismayed to hear the plug had been pulled and show creator Phil Redmond felt the show had "run its It was up there with the axing of

To pof the Pops as a 'head in hands, this country is going down the pan' moment. And the real salt in the wound is the possibility of a spin-off, set to be called The Grange, which takes place in a

multimedia learning centre. All very PC, but I'll bet my bottom dollar it'll last about as long as Eldorado. I was with the gang in the glory days

when they said a big fat 'no' to drugs (or in Zammo's case 'yes'), when large-framed Roland Browning copped off with French girl Fabienne and when Mr Bronson lost his wig thanks to that mischievous, artistic weirdo Danny Kendall. Damn that little rascal.

And who can forget the flying sausage on a fork randomly entering the comic strip frame as the titles crept along to that jaunty, yet somewhat sinister, theme tune – and I haven't even mentioned Tucker Jenkins.

Ah, great days!

Ah, great days!

It was with all this in mind that I tuned in to pay my last respects to the current, and 31st series, which is destined to be the last before this TV classic goes off to that great inkwell in the sky

Like me it's been going for about 30 years so I had to have one last look, for old times sake.



**NEW:** Togger (Chris Perry-Metcalf) is another in a long line of great Grange Hill characters

I had dreaded what I was about to see and imagined it would be little more than Hollyoaks for pre-teens, but

Five certainly spent worse 25 minutes. Some young scamp called Togger was doing his best Cassanova impression and stringing along the ladies good to see that some of the original spirit was still there.

If it wasn't so late in the day and about to bite the dust I think I could really get back into this; and I'm not even yanking your school tie.
Shame we all have these pesky job

things stopping us from enjoying such treats and tuning in more, but then again, in true Hill style, I guess we could all rebel a bit and sneak off early every now and then.

Meet me behind the bikesheds after lunch break.

#### **YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE**

#### BY RUSSELL GRAN



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) A MEETING of the minds ushers in a new phase of a relationship. You're starting to realise you can't do everything by yourself – nor do you want to. Business pairings are favoured. Your partner can handle the practical aspects of your partnership, while you attend to other things. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) YOU may decide to move to a new home. Although change isn't your favourite thing, this transition will be very good for you. It will help you to think in terms of what you need, instead of what everyone else wants. If a child or roommate decides to move out, don't stop them.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Taurus 09067-531753

**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23) A RARE opportunity to realise your personal potential could fall into your lap. The changes ahead will transform your lifestyle. Some of your friends may fall by the wayside. It may even be necessary to move to a posh neighbourhood. Don't let

feelings of loyalty hold you back.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Leo 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) YOU could be rewarded for your career success. A glamorous job, a big promotion, or a handsome raise could be yours. Alternately, you could be given an award for excellence. People are impressed with your leadership abilities. These days, it's rare to meet someone who can inspire. To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) TURNING over a new leaf with regard to your health is key. Help will seem to drop from the sky. Don't look this gift horse in the mouth. If someone offers you counsel, accept. This person may

assume a parental role in your life and you probably need to be handled this way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on P

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) TAKING a class could give you a whole new lease on life. You've been blessed with great intellectual gifts. When you don't put them to use, depression sets in. The performing arts could have special appeal for you. Studying acting, singing, or dancing is highly favoured.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23) YOU could uncover surprising information about your hidden motivations. Now you have seen how you have been your own worst enemy, you can correct the problem. Stop loading your schedule with odious tasks. Make time for solitary activities like reading, writing, and craftwork.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) A DESIRE for wisdom and truth could lure you down a whole new path. Going on a spiritual pilgrimage could be in the cards. Expanding your hori-zons is the name of the game. If you're offered an opportunity, grab it with both hands. Don't worry about the mundane details of life • To find out more about what the stars have in

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) NEWS of a pregnancy could come as a total surprise. The arrival of this child will change your life in strange and exciting ways. Lately, you've been putting too much emphasis on work and personal obligations. You've got to step back from these

duties, or they'll drag you down.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aries 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) YOU could be offered a very lucrative job.
Providing services to wealthy clients could bring you lots of pleasure, as well as a great deal of money. Resist the urge to indulge in destructive habits. They will only prevent you from doing the work necessary to succeed.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) AN unusual group of people is about to enter your life. Your new friends will prompt you to question many assumptions. All of the sudden, you're not sure of what is the best way to live. Infinite possibilities for leading a productive and happy life will become evident.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) YOUR love life could undergo some interesting twists and turns. All of the sud-den, you're no longer content to have a steady job, good friends, and a roof over your head. Now you crave intimacy. Someone who breaks down your defences makes you realise your full potential.

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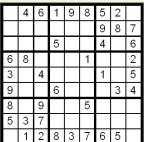
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#### **CRYPTIC CLUES**

#### ACROSS

- 1 Three times skip this ice-skating manoeuvre (6-4)
- 7 About to strike shellfish (4)
- 9 Would this hot spell raise sea temperature? (4,4)
- 10 Constrain some stuccoer cementing (6)
- 11 Airy trial? (4-6)
- 14 St Merlin disguised wandering singer (8)
- 15 Bird left half shellfish (6)
- 16 Glance thus if confused (6)
- 18 Support objection to long hair (8)
- 20 Specifying as a condition when pronouncing fit (10)
- 23 Hit second three-wheeler (6)
- 24 Willing to endure play (8)
- 25 Worn section of investment (4)
- **26** Deputation from French diplomatic mission (10) DOWN
- **2** Rush by the river (4) **3** Ruth had matter for regret (4)
- **4** One to enforce payment from former player (7)
- **5** Tool in US inlet swirling (7)
- 6 Deep calm (7)
- 7 Trust eccentric having means of payment (6,4)
- 8 Poisoning school mail dangerously (10)
- 12 Outline of house title removed (10)
- 13 Tip worth having (6,4)
- 17 Batting area near the wicket! (7)
- 18 Port or sherry? (7)
- 19 Follow, not North Philippine language (7)
- 21 Courage needed to prevent skidding (4)
- 22 Slip knot (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

**SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No46** 

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Turning sharply (10)
- **7** Give off vapour (4)
- **9** Pit collecting filthy water (8)
- 10 Swampy ground (6)
- 11 Successful (10)
- 14 Pattern of spots (5-3) 15 Genial (anag.) (6)
- 16 Emergency (6)
- 18 Stupefying (8)
- 20 Cheshire town (10)
- 23 Shellfish (6)
- 24 Produced involuntary contractions (8)

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- 2 Notion (4)
- 3 Zing (4)
- 4 Made furrows (7)
- **5** Illegal (7)
- 6 Small abscess in mouth (7)
- 7 Vehemence (10)
- 8 Deciding wrongly (10)
- 12 Reporter (10)
- 13 Tall building (10)
- **17** Treason (anag.) (7) 18 Job badly done (5-2)
- 19 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 21 Leave (4) 22 Conqueror (4)

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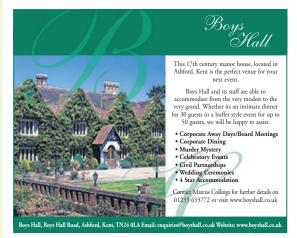
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#### **ON GENERAL** RELEASE

**BABY MAMA (12A)** 



Entertaining comedy tells the story of a corporate highflyer and her journey of self-discovery in the company of a ballsy, trailer-trash surrogate. It's unabashedly fr fun – providing plum roles for Saturday Night Live cohorts Tina Fey and Amy Poehler as the unlikely buddies and delivering an abundance of hearty laughs.

#### ANGUS, THONGS & PERFECT SNOGGING (12A)



Gurinder Chadha's comic portrait of growing pains filmed on location in Brighton and Eastbourne. This light-hearted slice of angst and alienation will strike a chord with the target audience – teenage girls – as the socially-awkward heroine takes kissing lessons and endures a humiliating luminous fake tan incident in her battle to win the best boy in school.

#### WALL-E (U)



The creators of Toy Story return with a fun-packed comedy about a little robot who holds the key to saving the Earth. Wall-E (Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek search robot named Eve. Eve comes to realise Wall-E has stumbled on the key to the planet's future, and races back to space to report her findings to the humans with Wall-E in hot pursuit

# Bale shows his dark side

#### BY ELLIE GENOWER

GONE are the days when Batman was a just a camp character in tights - now he is brooding, shadowy and even political.

The superhero was revitalised when British actor Christian Bale gave his intense interpretation of the caped crusader in 2005 movie, Batman Begins.
In The Dark Knight, the second

in director Christopher Nolan's take on the franchise, Bruce Wayne is a millionaire with a mission - to save corrupt and danger ous Gotham City from criminals like the anarchistic Joker (the late Heath Ledger).

"It's nice to be coming in and playing a character where you know the whole back story," says a moody-looking Christian Bale, who is sitting hunched forward, arms folded in front of him.

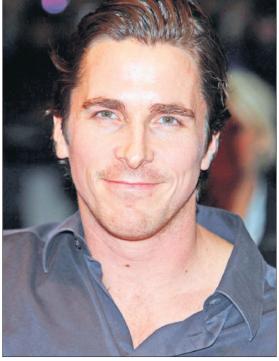
"We are trying to show a very real Gotham and real humanity to a superhero.

"Batman has no super powers. He has these conflicts within himself. He's somebody who has great altruism and who has at the same time, great temptation towards chaos, violence and revenge. He's a complete character."

Heath Ledger's version of The Joker is also a world away from the one-dimensional villain often seen in superhero films.

This movie was the last that Heath completed before his death in January this year, but the Australian actor's performance as the anarchistic psychopath is already being talked about as one of the year's most outstanding.

"Somebody like Heath loves to immerse himself completely in the role, and you can see the pleasure he's getting from that," says 34-year-old Christian.



RELUCTANT HERO: Christian Bale, like Batman, prefers to stay out of the spotlight

"And I feel likewise - that's the pleasure I get from acting.
"The way Heath plays The

Joker – it's not like we're watching Heath Ledger enjoying playing this zany crazy character. He disappears and becomes this anarchic, destructive, chaotic individual."
And it's Batman who provides

The Joker with his toughest challenge yet in the movie.

"Everyone's been a pushover

for The Joker," says Christian.

"Everybody can be leveraged so damn easily. The mob – they want money, that's boring. Also, Joker despises hypocrisy and he's finally finding in Batman some-

body who doesn't have that. "But he recognises Batman's weak spot - that he will not kill." Born and raised in Britain, Christian, who began his career in Empire Of The Sun, is now based in Los Angeles, and after

filming Batman American films like 3:10 To Yuma, he sports a mid-Atlantic accent.

Rarely smiling throughout the interview, he has said he prefers not to reveal too much about his personal life to the press. For the record, he has been married to Sibi Blazic, a former personal assistant to Winona Ryder, for eight years, and they have a three-year-old daughter, Emmaline.

He also doesn't seem too interested in giving his opinion on any-thing other than the film, and won't really be drawn on why superhero movies like Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk are push-

ing people's buttons this summer.
"Absolutely no idea about that," he says.
"There's always a need for

heroic figures. I think super-heroes are a modern-day equivalent to Greek mythological figures. So naturally everybody wants a hero.
"But by the time I'm in the middle

of making a movie, I'm not doing it because I'm thinking it's what society needs at this time. I'm just looking selfishly at what I'm interested in and what intrigues me."





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#### ■ BY **GEORGINA RODGERS**

DANGLING upside down from a trapeze by my knees and swinging through the hot air I felt a rush of excitement and fear.

It was the first time I had tried circus skills. Despite my reluctance to have a go, as I walked away from the aerial equipment towards the beach, I was already planning my next session.

But the all-important question was: when was I going to fit this in to my hectic schedule?

Between cycling, tennis, sailing, salsa classes and, of course, those all important afternoons relaxing by the pool or on the beach with a cocktail in one hand and a book in the other, I was struggling to find a window in my holiday diary.

the other, I was struggling to find a window in my holiday diary. Jackie, our friendly Club Med rep, told me it was impossible to get bored at the Kamarina resort. By day one of our holiday, I could see exactly what she meant.

On a pre-paid, all-inclusive holiday, guests can do as much or as little as they please. There is something for everyone – from body pump and aqua aerobics for

the gym bunny, to archery, a climbing wall and quad biking for the more adventurous or jet skiing, kayaking and catamaran sailing for the water babes.

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There is no pressure to be any good at any of these skills. As my partner tried to co-ordinate his two left feet during a salsa class, the teacher was friendly and merely invited us both back to the next day's session.

The resort also stood out for its excellent tennis facilities with about 25 clay courts, professional tuition, and complementary racket and ball hire.

The most evident thing about Club Med was its family-friendly ethos and range of children's clubs. Children, aged from four to ten

Children, aged from four to ten can go to the Mini Club Med, whilst 11- to 17-year olds are welcomed to Club Med Passworld. Club Med Baby and Petite Club Med take care of the youngest.

The clubs are open for six days out of seven for nine hours a day and a special team of GOs (Gentils Organisateurs) keep the children occupied and happy throughout the day.

Despite the fact that Club Med is a French company and their clientele mostly French and Italian, they said there would always be a fluent English-speaking GO. In fact, we found that



CLUB MED: The Kamarina resort on Sicily provides an inclusive family-friendly holiday

most staff spoke English anyway. Mealtimes were also very child-friendly, with each of the four village restaurants equipped with high-chairs and dishes suitable for children and babies.

The food was fresh and locallysourced with a huge selection of freshly cooked fish, meat and vegetarian dishes, salads and pasta choices to choose from.

All the restaurants were selfservice and our favourite was Trinacria in the hotel, which we found slightly less hectic and more peaceful than the others.

The accommodation was also surprisingly good. Across the 96hectare village, the rooms are split between the main hotel and the villagio, where we were based.

Despite a gaggle of noisy Italians partying late into the night, it was peaceful and a holiday destination I would highly recommend

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#### BEATON

Vickylee Beaton of Maidstone celebrates the birth of her son Archie Sydney Elijah Blu Beaton on 3rd July 2008.

#### BOLTON

Lily-May born on the 11th July 2008, weighing 7lb 15oz. Daughter to Norman and Sarah of Folkestone.

#### BRAZILL

BRAZILL
Cameron Lewis Brazill
born on 12th July 2008,
weighing 9lb 7oz. Son to
Justin and Sally Brazill
in Snodland, baby brother to Logan.

#### CHELL

Lucia Elizabeth Chell born 15th July 2008. Daughter to Ross and Natasha Chell Loose Maidstone. Our most beautiful and precious daughter.

Jason and Angie Cobb of Hadlow are delighted to announce the birth of their first son Troy Jason George Thomas Cobb born 11th July 2008 weighing 6lb 14oz.

#### COPESTAKE

Beth and Simeon Copestake of Eccles would like to announce the birth of their son Brook Ethon Copestake on 9th July 2008 at 00:09am, weighing 6lb 13.6oz.

#### DENHAM

Fleur Lilly born on 7th July 2008, weighing 7lb 7oz. Daughter to Neal and Alison Denham of Maidstone.

#### EVANS

EVANS
Scarlett Brooke Morgan
Evans born on 23rd June
2008 weighing 7lb 15oz.
Daughter to Louanne and
Kevin of Dover. Sister for
Daniel, Rebecca, Abigail,
Ciaran, Bailey and
Harrison.

Kelly and Matthew of Westgate-on-Sea are delighted to announce the birth of their son Louie Dillon, born on 3 July 2008 at QEQM. Brother for Harrison.

#### GOLDING

Andy, Carrie and Jack of High Halden are pleased to announce the birth of Hannah Christine, born on 18th July 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital.

Jack Sean Lorenzo born on 7th July 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Kris and Carley of Dover.

#### HIGGINS

Terry and Francine of Ashford celebrate the birth of their daughter Kacey Martina Higgins on 14th July 2008.

#### HOLROYD

Edward Stanley David born on 12th July 2008, weighing 8lb 6oz. Son to Janet and Chris Holroyd in Aylesford.

#### MARSHALL

MARSHALL Robert and Sarah Marshall celebrate the birth of their son Henry Ronnie Marshall on Friday 11th July 2008 weighing 6lb 70z. Mummy and Daddys little man.

#### MEEHAN

Seamus and Clare are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Libby Ann born on 9th June 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital.

#### MITCHELL

Phoebe Evelyn born on 16th July 2008, weighing 5lb 8oz. A beautiful baby daughter for Melissa and Robert.

#### MORRIS

Matthes Stephen born on 12th July 2008, weighing 7lb 5oz. Son to Louise and Stephen of Dover. Mummy and Daddys special little

#### ORR

Amelia Lindsey Orr born on 1st July 2008 at Maidstone Hospital, weighing 7lb 9oz. Daughter to Ophelia and Learie in Parkwood, Maidstone.

#### OUTRAM-HUGHES

Colin and Pamela of Bearsted celebrate the birth of their son Luke Patrick Outram-Hughes on 21st June 2008, baby brother to Savannah and

#### PHILPOTT

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Matt and Roz Philpott of
Crowborough are delighted
to announce the birth of
their son Isaac Matthew
Philpott born 11th July
2008 weighing 7lb 9oz.

#### SAUNDERS

Callum born on 8th July 2008, weighing 9lb. Son to Joanne and Ryan in Ditton, baby brother to Dean and

#### STRINGER

Kerry Beaton and Dale Stringer celebrate the birth of their son Kenny Dale Stringer on 2nd July 2008. TURNER

John and Claire celebrate the birth of their son Charlie James on 18th July 2008. A new brother for Lewis,Rebecca and Jack.

#### WIBREW

Gemma and Dean celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Chloe Alicia on 13th July 2008 weighing 8lb.

#### WILLIAMSON

WILLIAMSON Eleanor and Nick of Cliffsend, Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Lola, born on 15 July 2008 at QEQM. Sister to Maddie and Katie.

#### WILTSHIRE

Stacey and family are delighted to announce the birth of her new baby son Charlie Ken on 16th July 2008 weighing 8lb.

#### **DEATHS**

#### BAKER

BAKER
Derek John William, died peacefully after a long illness on July 17th 2008, aged 83. Beloved husband of Pam. A much loved father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral to take place at Barham Crematorium on Monday 28th July at 12,00 noon. Family flowers only. noon. Family flowers only noon. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, may be made payable to Cancer Research UK and sent c/o C W Lyons and Son, 51/53 Oxford Street, Whitstable , Kent, CT5 1DB. Telephone 01227 272375.

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Joseph Bull of Hythe
passed away on 16th July
2008. Enquires to Firmager
Funeral Services, New
Romney 01797 369277.

#### CLARKE

Keith Clarke of Bapchild passed away peacefully at home on 18th July.

#### HARRIS

Stephen Leonard passed away peacefully at home on 19th July 2008. Enquiries to Gore Funeral Directors, Margate 01843 223534. Beloved Husband, Father, Grand-dad and Great Grand-dad. Sadly missed.

#### PARTRIDGE

Colin Roy 1951-2008, passed away on 17th July 08. Father to Niona, Ben, Tom, Laura and Grandfather of Eight. Will

be greatly missed by all who knew him, loved in our hearts always. Funeral to be held at Barham Monday Crematorium Monday 28th July 2.00pm. Special thanks to staff of Clark thanks to staff of Clark ward at K&C and High View Oast Nursing Home, Ash. Thank you to the staff and scenery who made his last days so

#### RELF

Molly Alma Relf of Maidstone passed a

18th July 2008. Enquiries Barming

#### SMITH

Gillian Susan Smith of Sittingbourne passed away on 17th July 2008. Enquiries to High and Sons of Sittingbourne.

#### WINTER

Eileen May Winter, nee Selves, passed away on 14th July 2008, aged 68. All enquiries to A. E. Sears on 01622 754663.

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#### **PROPERTY NEWS**

### Web index tracks decline in prices

ASKING prices in the property market continued to fall in July, according to the latest Rightmove house price index

July has seen a 1.8 per cent fall in prices – the largest drop ever recorded in the month and it follows a 1.2 per cent slip in June.

Subsequently, annual asking price inflation has slipped into the red, down two per cent over the year up to July – the first time Rightmove has recorded an annual fall.

The survey discovered the average asking price for a property is £235,219 – a decrease of £4,345 in the past month.

However, this remains well ahead of

the average sale prices of £194,912, according to official figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The discrepancy could be caused by a realisation among sellers they have to lower asking prices in order to secure a sale according to analysts.

"Sellers are finally recognising that they need to undercut their rivals from the outset, rather than testing the market and dropping prices later," said Miles Shipside, of Rightmove.

### **Tenants feel the chill** of rising energy bills

TURNOVER of tenants in rented accommodation where energy efficiency is poor could be on the increase according to a by the National Landlords Association.

The group said that while eco-friendliness of homes may not be the most important factor for people when they move it will become increasing vital.

Senior policy officer at the organisation.

tion, Elizabeth Brogan, said the major things which people look at when they search for a home remain its location and the initial cost outlay.

But she said: "There are other factors that are more important and I don't think they (the buyers) are going to be

looking at energy efficiency first thing."

But she added if tenants are feeling "cold and miserable" they are likely to move on more quickly than they would

But she also said that heating bills for tenants are likely to be reduced in the future due to the introduction of the Landlord's Energy Saving Allowance.



CLOCKHOUSE MEWS: The development of luxury two-bedroom cottages is on the Swaylands estate, Penshurst, and purchasers have access to 50 acres of private parkland

# Rent now, buy later

### Estate scheme offers younger buyers a way into the market

BY NICK AMES

ANYONE who wants to buy a country cottage retreat in the heart of the Garden of England but can't afford the mortgage deposit might be interested in Oakdene Homes' Purchaser Prospect plan.

This is on offer at Clockhouse Mews, a development in the Swaylands estate in Penshurst.
The offer provides would-be homeowners

with the chance to move into a property either through a rent now, buy-later scheme, or a one-year all paid mortgage deal.

With more banks demanding larger deposits

and the option of 100 per cent mortgages declining, there has been a decline in the

number of young professionals purchasing

The average age of individuals being able to afford their first apartment has risen to 34 and the proportion of young professionals aged 25 and under getting on the property ladder for the first time is at just 16 per cent.

However, Oakdene Homes says its initiative will make it easier for younger individuals to own a new property and benefit from its equity, thus laying the foundation for a secure financial future.

Ann Fulker, sales and marketing director, said: "Clockhouse Mews has appealed to families and professionals commuting to London but desiring the benefits of traditional country living in a historical property.
"With all the current restrictions on mort-

gages our Purchaser Prospect scheme is proving popular with commuting professionals seeking city life by day and the haven of a lux-

ury country estate after they leave the office.
"It gives them a unique opportunity to make
a move on to the property ladder and benefit from a stately home address at a fraction of the cost normally associated with estate liv-

Clockhouse Mews comprises six two-bedroom cottages around a cobbled courtyard.

All have a large entrance hall, kitchen,

cloakroom, open-plan living area, bathroom and two double bedrooms with wardrobes, alarm system and private parking.

Some of the properties also have an en suite and private garden area.

Additionally, residents at the mews can take advantage of the estate's 50-acres of land-scaped parkland and amenities, which includes the use of two lakes, a tennis court

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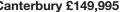
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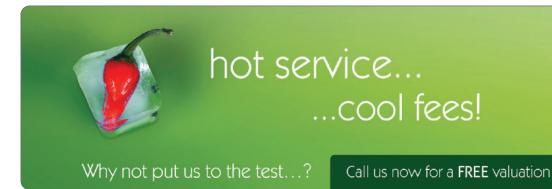
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#### **MOTORS** NEWS



### Weekend event shows Dodge's all-new cars

CHRYSLER Dodge Jeep dealers across Kent will use this weekend to launch two all-new cars, the Dodge Journey and Jeep Cherokee 4x4. While the latter is a familiar model name, the former is a new budget entry into the seven-seat MPV sector.

Canterbury's Dutton Forshaw dealership is going to town on the pair with a Ride and Drive event on Saturday and the site's dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "The Journey takes the practicality of a minivan and the overall efficiency of a passenger car and blends the best attributes into an all-new crossover vehicle."



# Alfa's star newcomer is a red-blooded Romeo

THIS weekend also brings the curtain down on the British International Motor Show at Excel, London, where 'eco-green' was tipped as the predominant colour.

Italy's Alfa Romeo had other ideas; it went for red instead and enough glamorous hostesses to recall bygone days before recognition of global warming, when girls, bhp and petrol fumes were what shows were all about.

Nevertheless, its star newcomer is the forthcoming MiTO supermini (pictured) – taking its name from the Italian fashion and car capitals of Milano and Torino.



# Qashqai plus two will build on Nissan success

NISSAN is using the show to launch its enlarged +2 seats version of the Qashqai 'crossover' family model.

Despite a name pronounced 'cash-kai' that sounds even more like a violent sneeze now that 'plus-too' is added, it should build on what has been a massive success for the Japanese brand.

However, the presence of two extreme Nissan models – the all-white Denki Cube electric concept (pictured) and hugely powerful new GT-R supercar – underline the dilemma facing the whole motor industry.



STANDING OUT: Dodge's Avenger looks fantastic value in an overcrowed market sector with standard kit that includes six airbags, electronic stability, air con and a glovebox chiller

# Avenger offers cut-price revenge on its key rivals

DODGE is a macho brand in its native USA, so it is no surprise that its Avenger saloon looks capable of meting out its own justice.

That is providing we forget that 'Avenger' last appeared here on an effete 1970s Hillman saloon and estate.

Its belated successor gives Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealers a long-awaited foothold in Ford Mondeo territory.

In keeping with its looks, Avenger pricing and specifications are bullish, but need to be as the interior looks low rent against key rivals.

On the other hand, since the Mondeo has gone upmarket to attack the BMW 3-Series, the Avenger could appeal to company car buyers and 'user choosers' who like more bangs for their bucks.

Power options are a diesel – VW's tried and trusted 2.0-litre with six-speed box – and two petrol engines, plus SE and SXT trim levels from £14,995.

Standard kit includes six airbags, electronic stability, powered folding heated mirrors, air con, glovebox chiller and cruise control.

# ROAD TEST

#### BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	***
Reliability	****
Green rating	***

But it is not a big price 'walk' – as the trade says – to the lavish SXT tested here (from £16,995). It is worth the extra for big 18-inch alloys, boot spoiler, heated front seats, leather seats, powered driver's seat and upmarket six-speaker Boston sound.

I was also impressed by MyGig – a £1,500 dashboard extra bundled with sat nav – that memorises CDs and links to iPod/MP3 players

memorises CDs and links to iPod/MP3 players. The Avenger is less tuned on the road; it has reasonable performance, but the chassis is saggy and copes badly with our increasingly poor road surfaces.

The VW powertrain on our 2.0CRD SXT (£18,250) test car felt as good as ever though—

The VW powertrain on our 2.0CRD SXT (£18,250) test car felt as good as ever though—willing, frugal and perfect for motorway cruising. Storage, cupholders and boot are generous, with 'load through' rear folding seats on the SXT, although lifting the bootlid after a shower overruns the guttering and drowns your luggage.

Rear legroom is good too, though that rear window 'kick up' means kids may find it claustrophobic in the back.

Nevertheless, the Avenger looks fantastic value in a market sector where it is hard to stand out from the crowd.





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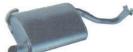
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history. metallic silver/grey, miles, £3995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685(TRADE)

LAND ROVER

FREELANDER XEI R reg Charleston Green 110000 miles Manual,Petrol Good condition for its age but engine needs work. Has 6 CD

changer, double socket tow hitch and roof bars. Will accept offers in excess of £1,000. 01843 291714 (PRIVATE)

DEFENDER, 90 TD5 County Station

Wagon, 10599054, power steering, electric front windows, remote alarm, cd player, remote central locking, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, alloy wheels, 4v4, road tax is £210 per year on this vehicle, metallic red, 3800 metallic red, 3800 metallics, 512995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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MGF, x253xke, alarm, central locking, MGF, v253xke, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, half leather, head restraints, lumbar support, sports seats, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, radio cassette, alloy wheels, silver green, 26612 miles, £4495, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020

TF, 135 Sprint Sports 1.8, 2003, red, 30420 miles, 25495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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PEUGEOT 307 S reg 2003, Silver, Automatic, petrol Only 30,000 miles Beautiful car to drive 2 Previous Lady Owners Automatic AND 'Tiptronic' Gear System Air Con. Electric Windows CD Player Alloy Wheels Good Condition Tax until Oct 2008 MOT until Oct 2008 £4000 07990 601909 (PRIVATE)

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#### RODEO, DENVER MAX TD Pu 4x4

CTS, CTS 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs brakes air con alloy wheels central locking alarm driver's airbag multiple

#### DAIHATSU

cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £1999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

#### FIAT

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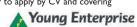
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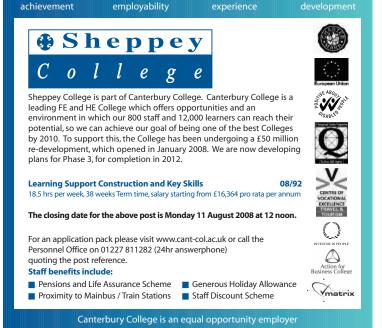
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3 positions located throughout Kent (full time)

#### Job Summary

To enable, support, guide, facilitate and develop the Local Involvement Network in its activities across a designated area

We are looking to engage highly motivated people who have experience in engaging and working with volunteers, groups and communities including those considered to be hard to reach. Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on own initiative with minimal support and to lead and motivate people. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is essential in addition to good organisation and time management skills with an accurate and systematic approach.

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£15.000 per annum

2 positions, based in Folkestone (full time)

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#### Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3 Post Ref: SH/AOS **Word Processing and Office Skills** 

Post Ref: SH/WP Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

**Learning Support – Early Years** Post Ref: SH/LSSEY

27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum **Supply Signer** 

Various hours available, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

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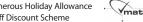
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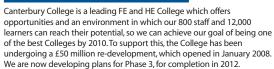
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Lecturer in Key Skills - Hairdressing Post Ref: 01/109

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Lecturer Key Skills – Catering & Hospitality Post Ref: 06/149

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

**Lecturer Basic Skills for Construction Students** Post Ref: 08/68 37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas: Animal Care and Land Based Studies Post Ref: S/AL

Horticulture Post Ref: S/AH Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

**Examinations Co-ordinator** Post Ref: ECO



37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

**Finance Assistant Expenditure** Post Ref: FA2

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Signer/Learning Facilitator Post Ref: 08/104 37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum. Temporary post to cover maternity leave until January 2009.

Teaching, Conference, Meeting Unit Assistant

Post Ref: 04/172 37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

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**Catering Assistant** 

30 hrs per week, salary £11,801 per annum



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**Trainer Demonstrator Animal Care** 04/94

18.5 hours per week, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum **Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based** 07/87 37 hours per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 per annum 08/82

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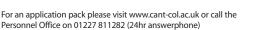
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You will have the opportunity to work with an exciting team to explore new ideas for the use of technology to deliver services, plus working with other partners and agencies delivering joint solutions.

#### Please quote job reference: 1195

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 12 noon on Friday 8 August 2008 Interviews will take place on: Wednesday 20 August 2008

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#### **Emergency Learning Support Assistant**

Ashford

37 hours per week

You will provide emergency LSA assistance with the learning experiences of identified individual students who are attending the full range of courses at the College. You will have at least two years recent experience as an LSA in FE and GCSE's (or equivalent) in English and Maths Grades C or above.

#### Motorcycle Technician

S2149

S2148

Dover

18.5 hours per week

Working as a member of the Kent Motorcycle Technology Centre to deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme, you will support staff and students in the day-to-day running

Closing date Friday 15th August 2008.

#### **New Start Learning Advocate**

S2147

Ashford

26 hours per week

You will provide assistance with the learning experiences of students within the New Start Centre and assist students with reading, writing or verbal communication as required. GCSE's (or equivalent) in Maths and English Grades C or above are required.

#### **New Start Lecturer**

T1340

Ashford

37 hours per week

You will teach units of an entry level 3 qualification to groups of students aged 14-16 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties, and prepare and deliver outdoor educational activities. The major focus of the post is to improve behaviour and basic skills to enable students to access mainstream college courses in year 11.

#### Lecturer in Spanish

T1345

2 hours per week (Maternity cover until 30th September 2009)

#### Lecturer in Hairdressing

T1348

Ashford

37 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st October 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon-based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Hairdressing.

#### Lecturer in Beauty Therapy

T1347

18.5 hours per week (Maternity cover until 31st July 2009)

You will deliver City & Guilds NVQ Beauty Therapy Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+ and deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon based teaching sessions. Five years recent industrial experience is essential, and an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Beauty Therapy.

#### Variable Lecturers

Ashford/Dover/Folkestone

We are currently looking for Variable Lecturers in the following areas to join a bank of staff: Wood Occupations, Catering, Sports, New Start and Early Years. Both hourly paid and salaried roles are also available in Bricklaying and Plastering. Closing date Tuesday 19th August 2008.

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The Meadows Children Centre, Maidstone

In the context of the Government's agenda of rolling out children's centres to cover the country, Kent County Council is seeking to appoint one full-time qualified early years teacher to work in support of The Meadows Children Centre, Maidstone. This exciting opportunity will involve working alongside early education and childcare providers in all sectors to promote and support the highest quality care and learning opportunities for children from birth to five.

You will be an outstanding and experienced practitioner, possessing excellent interpersonal and communication skills as these will be crucial to achievement in this significantly multi-agency, cross sector environment. Ref: CFE/08/0334.

Closing date: Midday, 8th August 2008.

#### **Emergency Planning Officer**

£20,061 - £29,920 Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies

Invicta House, Maidstone

Do you have good communication skills and have the ability to motivate others? Do you have the confidence to work with senior colleagues from a wide variety of organisations and disciplines. helping to take forward plans for dealing with major emergencies in the county?

As an Emergency Planning Officer, you will work with other team members on a range of projects, helping to shape the way that we plan for, and respond to, significant challenges. This includes taking a lead on various areas of work, liaising with managers in other teams and organisations and researching new topics and hazards. You will also need to play a part in the response to major emergencies, helping to make sure that the County Council carries out its role swiftly and effectively.

The role of an Emergency Planning Officer covers a mix of planning, training and responding, and we are looking for someone who can bring their skills, experience or knowledge in any of these to the team, and who is looking for a role that, while largely office based, offers variety and interest.

You must be able to travel within, and sometimes beyond, the county, and be prepared to work outside normal office hours on occasion. Ref: CMY/o8/o184

Closing date: Midday, 18th August 2008

#### **Childcare Development Officer**

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

We have a vacancy for a Childcare Development Officer in the Folkestone area. The purpose of this job is to promote and support the expansion of existing early years and out of school group childcare provision and the development of new provision.

You will have an NVQ Level 3 in Early Years and/or childcare and/or play work (or equivalent) or a qualification in business and finance as well as experience of working in a group childcare setting.

You will also possess experience with funding applications, business and financial plans within an advisory and supportive capacity.

Working in a multi-agency environment, you will have good communication skills and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues. Ref: CFE/08/0344

Closing date: Midday, 11th August 2008.

#### **Education Welfare Officer**

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,825 per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

We are currently looking for a person to join our new LCSP team. Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires the ability to work independently as well as being a good team member. You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and team support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies. The ability to travel is required as visiting schools and homes etc is essential to the work. Ref: CFE/o8/o335

Closing date: Midday, 7th August 2008

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In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families. Children's Centres bring together a range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

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You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0321.

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

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#### **Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator**

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0331

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#### **Kent Safe Schools Project Officer**

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata 30 hours per week - initially funded for 12 months from appointment - Secondment will be considered Shepway, Folkestone

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The role will be based within the Causeway Team in Folkestone and will involve working with primary school aged children to establish and support Kent Safe Schools and Causeway projects in schools and the wider community. The aim of the project is to reduce exclusions, improve access to further learning opportunities and provide alternative and positive solutions for the children and families that are supported by the Causeway team within the Shepway area. You will work with agencies, schools, parents and

young people with the intention of improving outcomes for young people at risk of disaffection and/or exclusion through mentoring, motivational activities and support to parents and schools.

The post will be employed by Kent Safe Schools but will have access to all relevant organisations and agencies. Ref: CFE/o8/o332

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

#### **Anti-Bullying Case Worker**

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum Term-time only, initially funded for 12 months

Working closely with parents/carers, other professionals and schools where open dialogue has become difficult with a view to resolving bullying issues, you will offer support to young people to reduce incidents of bullying which will involve working one-to-one and/or in small groups. The work will also involve going into the schools to participate in reintegration, follow-up and preventative activities.

You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

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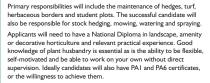
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For an application form please contact KCA(UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT, Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk Closing date: 15th August 2008 at 5.00 pm Interview date: 29th August 2008

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Hours: 7.4 hours per week

Qualified teacher status and a management qualification, or relevant experience, are essential together with up-to-date knowledge of legislation and developments within the relevant sector(s). Good interpersonal, communication and organisational skills are required together with a competent use of ICT.

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Course leader,

Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) in association with Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) Job ref: CA0163E

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Location: Rochester Centre

A part-time (0.15 fte) course leader is required to take overall responsibility for the DTLLS programme by organising and supervising tutorial support for learners and the observation of teaching; communicating with tutors, mentors and learners to ensure effective delivery of the programme; liaising and attending meetings with CCCU and ensuring that assessment of learners meets CCCU's quality assurance criteria.

The successful applicant will hold an initial teacher training qualification, preferably for teaching adults (Cert.Ed. or equivalent);

substantial experience of teaching as well as evidence of continuing professional development and recent experience of delivering teacher training courses and assessing observed teaching practice. They will also have excellent oral and written communication skills.

### Professional Development Centre vacancies from September:

Salary: LNFA Scale point 8 - £31.24 per hour Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway

Sessional teacher trainers – DTLLS (L5/6)
 Job ref: CA0164E

Teacher trainers with experience of working in HE, are required on the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS) delivered in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.

Personal tutors/assessors – DTLLS (L5/6)
 Job ref: CA0165E

Personal tutors and assessors are required to carry out tutorials and observations of candidates on the programme, and marking assignments.

Sessional teacher trainers – PTLLS (L3/4)
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Trainers are required for the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers. The role includes delivery of the course as well as assessment of candidates' work.

### Sessional teacher trainers – C&G 9297 Job Ref: CA0167E

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Salary: LNFA Scale point 1 – 3 £18.97 - £24.32 ph Hours: vary according to the planned course Location: Medway

Teacher trainers are required on the Certificate in Learning Support course. Applicants should be experienced tutor trainers with Literacy / Numeracy / ESOL teaching qualifications.

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Job ref: CA0181E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour Hours: Vary according to the planned course Location: Medway

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For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk.

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#### **Insurance risks could** drive your firm crazy

WEST Wickham insurance broker Smart and Cook is warning Kent compa-nies they could be at risk from various legal issues if their employees use their own vehicles to carry out business tasks.

It says companies could be setting themselves up for heavy claims, litigation and, in some cases, even prosecution if they have no or inadequate insurance.

The increasingly heavy tax burden on company cars has all but killed them off.

This means that, increasingly, even cars with high business miles are owned by staff, while firms often ask employees to use their own vehicles to make deliveries, visit clients or go to the bank.

#### **Trade with confidence** on KCC-backed website

DURING the summer there will be plenty of residents wanting to have work carried out in their homes or gardens, but are wary about finding a trustworth-

With the activity of rogue traders hotting up during the good weather, Kent County Council's trading standards officers are encouraging people to log on to the Buy with Confidence website, www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, to find

details of approved traders.

The site is free to use and features only local businesses that have passed the assessments carried out by Kent Trading Standards.

#### Music while you work could prove expensive

TENS of thousands of Kent businesses are getting letters from the Performing Rights Society to make them aware of the consequences of, and possible legal action that could result from, breaking UK copyright law by playing music in the workplace without a PRS licence.

The law ensures the UK's songwriters and composers PRS represents, receive royalties for the use of their work. Keith Gilbert, managing director, said: "PRS is a vital source of income to the creators of music, 90 per cent of whom earn less than £5,000 a year in royalties.

# Pressure piles on to leave us all too tired

Three quarters of us are not getting enough sleep, claims survey

#### BY TONY PATEY

SLEEPING has figured in songs from Donovan to Seether but money worries and the credit squeeze becoming tighter are striking different notes as a wave of shut-eye deprivation sweeps across the UK workforce.

Twenty two million workers - that's threequarters of the workforce – admitted getting less than the prescribed eight hours of sleep each night of the working week, says a recent

Topping the list for insomnia are estate agents, who are apparently getting only five hours and 50 minutes sleep a night - more than two hours less than the daily recom-

mended sleep quota.

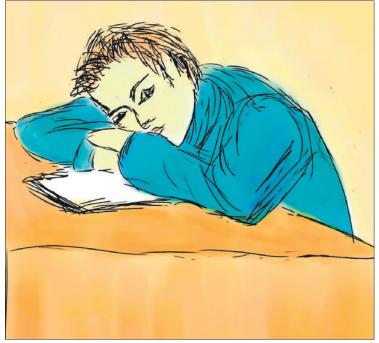
The Travelodge company, which has hotels in Canterbury, Ashford and Margate, said the study revealed that two professions facing rocketing fuel prices – lorry and taxi drivers – were the next two groups missing most shut eye', sharing an average of just six hours and 16 minutes a night.

Then came another economy-hit profession, bankers, who manage just six hours and 23 minutes of sleep. Builders and accountants came next with both getting six hours and 24

minutes.

Leigh McCarron, Travelodge's director of sleep, said; "It is no surprise that the professions in the industries worst hit by the credit crunch come top of the charts. We all know that money worries and job security are key drivers of stress which in turn, leads to significant sleep loss."

The budget hotel chain's study also revealed the key reasons why 40 per cent of workers regularly experience difficulty getting to sleep: work pressures and money worries, leaving work late, having an alcoholic drink at bed-



WIDE AWAKE: Not sleeping because of financial worry is affecting more and more people - especially estate agents

time and going home to start work again were all causes.

Mr McCarron said: "Don't let the credit

crunch keep you awake, it's a vicious circle. Although you may fret about your job and have financial worries; you cannot afford to

sacrifice your sleep quota.

"Losing valuable hours of sleep will certain-

ly impact upon your well-being and productiv-

In case you're wondering – director of sleep? Yes, that's his title. The firm takes its job of giving clients a good night's sleep very, very seriously, and Mr McCarron has a wide brief from helping design rooms to trying out beds. Let's hope he doesn't sleep on the job.

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# City pushed down table by defeat

CANTERBURY 2nd XI slipped out of the promotion places in Division Two after a losing draw against rivals Gravesend.

Tory Hughes took 4-53 but Gravesend still put on 210 before they were bowled out.

In reply Canterbury suffered a middle order collapse which forced them to dig in for a draw.

Phillip Walker top scored with 35 not out.

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Paralympic legend Tanni Grey-Thompson praises Kent's grass roots investment

# Determined Creed helps St Lawrence clear of relegation

MURRAY Creed missed out on his second century of the season but his innings proved priceless as an improving St Lawrence beat Bromley by one wicket.

The all-rounder fell eight runs short of three figures as the home side chased down a big target to move well clear of the relegation zone.

St Lawrence's task would have been much easier without the efforts of Bromley opener Nadeem Shahid, who made the visitors' only significant contribution with a brilliant 117.

Put into bat, the title hopefuls got their innings off to a shaky start when Ben Trott had James Butterfill caught with only five runs on the board.

#### CRICKET

#### BY DAVID PRITCHARD

The hosts struck regularly but Shahid's innings ensured Bromley had a decent total to defend.

St Lawrence lost Daniel Stickels early, but his departure brought Creed to the crease. Averaging more than 50 this season, the all-rounder provided an anchor for the rest of the line up.

for the rest of the line-up. At 192-8 St Lawrence looked in trouble but Ciaran Morgan (27) and Greg Betz (23) gave the hosts the final push they needed.

It was a fourth win in five matches for the defending champions, who are now 15 points clear of the bottom two.



GOOD RUN: St Lawrence are one of the form teams in the Premier Division

#### **Kent League Premier Division**

St Lawrence & Highland Court 1st XI v Bromley 1st XI

#### . Bromlev

	runs
Nadeem Shahid ct Jenkins b Creed	. 117
James Butterfill ct Snape b Trott	4
Grant Sheen lbw b Day '	14
Miguel Barbosa lbw b Day	0
Omar Barnes ct Smith b Betz	
Matthew Dennington ct Smith b Betz.	12
Robert Dummer Ibw b Betz	1
Matthew Isaacs lbw b Creed	11
Craig Peters ct Snape b Trott	14
Ruel Braithwaite ct Creed b Trott	
Alan Stickells not out	
<b>Extras</b> (2b 2lb 9w 3nb)	. 16 . 233
Bowlers	

Bowlers	0				
	0	M	к	W	
Ben Trott	14.1	1	68	3	
Alex Day	7	0	45	2	
Greg Betz	15	1	62	3	
Hugo Snape	7	1	30	0	

#### St Lawrence & Highland Court

<b>Dominic Chambers</b> st Dummer b Stickells	25
Daniel Stickels lbw b Stickells	
Murray Creed ct Dummer b Isaacs	92
Lewis Jenkins ct Dennington b Stickells.	.10
David Smith Ibw b Butterfill	
Alex Day ct Shahid b Butterfill	. 8
Ciaran Morgan st Dummer b Sheen	
Oliver Durell lbw b Isaacs	.0
Greg Betz not out	23
Ben Trott st Dummer b Shahid	
Hugo Snape not out	
Extras (8b 3lb 1w 3nb)	15
Total (9 wickets, 58.4 overs)	

Dowiers				
	0	M	R	V
Alan Stickells	10	1	32	3
Ruel Braithwaite	8	0	41	(
James Butterfill	13	3	45	2
Grant Sheen	16	1	51	]
Nadeem Shahid	6.4	0	28	]
Matthew Tsaacs	5	1	24	- 1

#### **LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**

#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISON ONE**

Canterbury CC 1st XI v Folkestone CC 1st XI

CANTERBURY'S promotion hopes were dented as they had to settle for a winning draw against a determined Folkestone side.

The match entered the final over with all results still possible, but the visitors fell eight runs short of victory.

The home side's top five batsmen all found form at Polo Farm as Canterbury made 245-6 from their 50 overs.

In reply Niall O'Brien hit a century to put the match in the balance, helped by 44 from Himanshu Waingarkar. Ben Cooper took 4-65 for Canterbury, who were two wickets away from taking all the points.

#### Canterbury

Amadou Ainscough st Graham b Waingankar				
Caiden Lang	ct Graham b Champion			
	ct Graham b Champion54			
	ct Samarasinghe b Champion26			
	run out			
Ryan Minter	not ou	t		4
Damian Minter				
Justin Macvicar Tim Wren				
Ben Cooper	ala no	t bat		
Extras (2b 5lb 9w 11nb)				27
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs				
IULAI (U WICKELS, JU UVELS	,			243
Bowlers				
DOWICIS	0	M	R	W
Andy Bray	6	0	46	ï
Michael James	9	Õ	33	ō
John Champion	15	ì	56	3
Sher Khanagha	2	Ô	20	ó
Himanshu Waingankar		0	42	1
Luke Samarasinghe	8	0	41	0
Lune Jamai asingne	U	U	41	U
Folkestone				Runs
Luke Samarasinghe	ct Lan	n h Mintor		
Niall O'Brien	et I an	a h Cooper		104
Himanshu Waingankar	ct Ma	g is occiped evicar h Con	nor	44
Daniel Clark	ct lon	kincon h We	on	3/1
Sher Khanagha				
Andy Bray	h Coo	nor		7
David Miles				
Laurence Ward				
Stewart Graham				
John Champion				
Michael James	did no	t hat		
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#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**

HSBC CC 2nd XI v Whitstable CC 2nd XI

RUNAWAY leaders Whitstable 2nd XI came close to losing their unbeaten record as they beat HSBC 2nd XI by nine runs at New Beckenham.

Put into bat, the visitors lost both openers for eight runs apiece. Stuart Clements and Jake Guinan steadied the innings before Elliot Lewis smacked a century to put Whitstable on to.

A total in excess of 250 looked inevitable but the tail collapsed and they had to settle for 210.

collapsed and they had to settle for 210.
With 58 overs to get the runs, mid-table HSBC began well before faltering late on to let Whitstable off the hook.

#### Whitstable

Tom Hulks		ssey o rolley		0
Ross Griggs	ct Pot	ter b Shah		8
Stuart Clements	b Sha	h		28
Jake Guinan	ct Rat	nayake b Sh	ah	21
Elliot Lewis	ct Hus	sey b Jorda	n	114
Jamie Pout	ct Tay	lor b Jordan	١	6
Tim Long	ct Abl	bett b Jorda	n	0
Duncan Blackmore	b Jord	lan		6
Charles Bodle	b Jord	lan		0
	mak as	ıt		0
Luke Prentice				
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#### HSB(

				Runs
Gary Potter	ct Hul	ks b Blackm	ore	77
Jack Potter				
Shantha Ratnayake	ct Lev	vis b Clemen	ıts	31
Ned Taylor				
David Birmingham				
Howard Abbett				
Stephen Jordan	run oı	ıt		12
Kushal Shah				
Paul Westerman				
Tony Hussey	not ou	ıt		0
David Tolley	b Blac	kmore		1
•				
Extras (7b 6lb 4w)				17
Total (all out . 57.1 overs)				
Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Duncan Blackmore	15.1	ï	44	4
Tim Long	14	0	64	2
Stuart Clements		6	35	2
Luke Prentice	4	Ō	23	0
Jako Guinan	ġ	3	22	ĭ

#### **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**

#### Dartford CC 1st XI v Chestfield CC 1st XI

CHESTFIELD boosted their hopes of survival in Division Two with a three-wicket victory against promotion challengers

Batting first after winning the toss, Dartford began well and were on course to post a big score. Several of their batsmen found form but a steady loss of wickets near the end prevented the hosts from putting the game beyond Chestfield.

The visitors had only won three games all season but their top order delivered when it mattered to set up a priceless victory. Darren Scott carried his bat as they reached their target with an over to spare.

.ct Buckingham b Scott . .ct Robb b Patching . . . . .ct Buckingham b Pearson

#### Dartford Michael Wood

b Brov	vn		2
not ou	t		10
ct Pat	ching b Pear	rson	5
not ou	t		1
did no	t hat		
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#### Chestfield

				Runs
Simon Buckingham	lbw b	Rossiter		35
Darren Scott	not ou	t		70
Daniel Patching				
Jago Pearson	ct Lev	is-Ranwell I	Collier	0
Duncan Brown	b Chal	ora		9
Alister Robb				
Stephen Cox				
Varun Thaker	st Mui	nhy h Birrir	10	26
Ben Jenkins	not ou	t	.9	6
Ben Croucher				
William Lock				
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Extras (7b 1lb 9w)				17
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#### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

Nonington CC 1st XI v Betteshanger Colliery Welfare CC 1st XI

LEAGUE leaders Betteshanger Colliery squeezed past Nonington to win by six wickets with just two balls to spare in an exciting match.

Nonington batted first and set a competitive total largely due to Jamie Sadler, who hit 12 boundaries in his knock of 79. An unbeaten ninth wicket partnership of 45 between Russell Stewart and Rob Paton then took them

In reply, Clive Towe and Liam Collins put on 88 for the first wicket but Betteshanger had Andrew McNicholas to thank for the victory. With time running out he hit two sixes to seal victory in the final over.

#### Nonnington

John Stone	ct Tov	we b McNich	olas	6
Jamie Sadler	b Coll	ins		79
Jamie Burrett				
Kieron Burrett				
James Baber				
Mark May				
Josh Tutton				
Daniel Birch				
Russell Stewart				
Rob Paton				
Tom Carnegie				
<b>Extras</b> (2b 6lb 6w)				14
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)				
Bowlers				
				187
	0	M	R	W
Jamie Towe	0 12	M 2	R 64	0
Jamie Towe Andrew McNicholas	12	2		
Andrew McNicholas	12	2	64	0
Andrew McNicholas	12 12	2	64 32	0

#### **Betteshanger Colliery Welfare**

Clive Towe	c&b Tutton	5
Liam Collins	lbw b Tutton	,
Joffy Towe	ct Baber Birch	5
	ct Baber b Birch	
Chris Garton	not out	l
Andrew McNicholas	not out 44	ł
Derek Towe	did not bat	
Steve McNicholas	did not bat	
Darren Fletcher	did not bat	
Jamie Towe	did not bat	
Steven King	did not bat	
Fytras (2h 5lh 6w)	13	
	vers)	
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Bowlers				
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Rob Paton	9.4	2	32	0
Russell Stewart	7	1	34	0
Josh Tutton	12	2	43	2
Jamie Burrett	11	0	61	0
Daniel Rirch	6	Λ	42	2

# Olympic home crowd a lure for Clewlow

#### HOCKEY

#### BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

THE LURE of competing in front of home fans at the London Olympics could tempt hockey star Mel Clewlow to delay her international retirement

The 32-year-old Canterbury defender flew to the Far East with the rest of the Great Britain squad this week as they enter their final

preparations for the Beijing Olympics.

Clewlow is one of five players with Olympic experience after featuring in Britain's last campaign in Sydney eight years ago.
With more than 200 caps from an interna-

tional career spanning 12 years, next month's tournament might seem a fitting moment to

But while she admits it could be the last time she plays for Britain, the idea of playing at London 2012 will make the decision hard.

She told Yourcanterbury: "It doesn't get any better than an Olympic medal so it could cross my mind, but on the other hand it might make me want more of this.

"If it wasn't London in four years' time I could easily say this was my last Olympics.

"After competing in front of a home crowd at Manchester for the Commonwealth Games I know it would be amazing.

"I need to focus on Beijing and sit down with [head coach] Danny Kerry afterwards. "If he says there are a group of good young-

sters coming through, which there are, and he wants to work with them that could make up my mind for me.
"I have always said if I didn't like it this year

I would stop but I have thoroughly enjoyed it.
"At this stage there's no reason to consider anything other than playing."

The squad will spend around ten days with the rest of the British Olympic team at the holding camp in Macau before flying to Beijing this weekend.

They begin their pool matches against defending champions Germany on August 10.



LONDON CALLING: Mel Clewlow could attempt to compete in her third Olympics in four years' time

#### **FOOTBALL**

### **Decision time for Oystermen boss**

WHITSTABLE Town manager Marc Seager faces some tough decisions over the next week as he decides which triallists to keep on for the new season.

The Oystermen boss has had the luxury of fielding two completely different teams during pre-season. Shane Suter and Mark Munday have impressed, but Town do not have the budget to offer everyone contracts. Seager needs to decide before the start of

the season on August 16.

He said: "The squad is absolutely fantastic, I would love to keep every single one of them and see them fight for their places but that's not going to happen.

"In my short time as a manager I haven't seen more quality in a squad. It's a headache but it's a lovely headache to

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# So close yet so far for Spitfires

#### CRICKET

#### BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT Spitfires lost their grip on the Twenty20 Cup in a thrilling final at the Rose Bowl.

Rob Key's side lost by three runs as they attempted to overhaul Middlesex Crusaders' total of 187 for six, a record total in a Twenty20 final.

Set such a substantial target, Kent got off to a flier as Joe Denly and Key set about the Middlesex bowling attack, going at more than ten an over for the first five

The two Kent openers showed that while Twenty20 is about scoring boundaries and getting quick runs, it doesn't have to be about slogs, sweeps and paddles as they each played a succession of elegant cover drives, cuts and pulls to pull their side back into the

Key was in terrific form, reaching his halfcentury off just 30 balls, but it was the introduction of spinners Murali Kartik and veteran Shaun Udal that helped turn the game and they accounted for both Denly and Key.

South African Justin Kemp, struggling for runs for the county this summer, was promoted to number three, where he played the type of innings for which he is renowned.

Kemp smashed three sixes in an entertaining stand of 72 with Darren Stevens as the Spitfires closed in on their target, leaving them requiring 16 from the final over.

The target was then reduced to six off three



WAIT AND SEE: Rob Key is sceptical about Kent's chances of playing in the inaugural Champions League later this year

balls. Kemp could manage only two off the first two, meaning the Spitfires had to score three to tie, which would have secured the title courtesy of having lost fewer wickets than Middlesex.

However, Kemp was unable to get the ball away and was run out, handing victory to the Crusaders and, with it, a place in the Stanford Super Series and a chance to pocket a huge £200,000. While Key was disappointed not to get his

while hey was usappointed into w get man hands on the trophy again, he was pleased with his side's effort at Twenty20 finals day. He said: "The one thing we haven't done is hide. Generally we have fielded well and it is

times like that in big games when you find out

the characters of players and I thought everyone stood up, so it was good.
"That final was a great advert for Twenty20.
It was a fantastic effort to have got that close.

"It was pretty frustrating getting out for 50-odd as the stage was set for me to play a serious Twenty20 innings and get us a great

"I always say it is not about the blokes who get out to a good ball for less than 10 – it is those who get in who will win or lose you the game. I was one of those who got in and got out

The day had started well for Spitfires as they cruised to what turned out to be a comfortable 14-run win over the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day.

The Spitfires, together with the Crusaders, will now be entered in the inaugural £2.4 million Champions League against teams from South Africa, Australia and India.

Kent's involvement in the competition, although assured by the England and Wales Cricket Board, is yet to be 100 per cent confirmed by organisers of India's cricket board because of their inclusion of 'rebel' Indian Cricket League stars Justin Kemp and Azhar Mahmood.

Key is sceptical about his side's involvement and is refusing to think about playing in the competition in India until it is confirmed. He said: "It is a bonus if it happens, but there has been a bit of confusion about it all the way

along. We will only know how good it is if an English team walks away with the money and starts turning up for games in much better

"There are so many unanswered questions that I think it is probably a pipe-dream that is not worth us getting carried away about."



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